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JETS COMICS

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RETRIBUTION THE BIRTH RITE
KUSHAN (1)

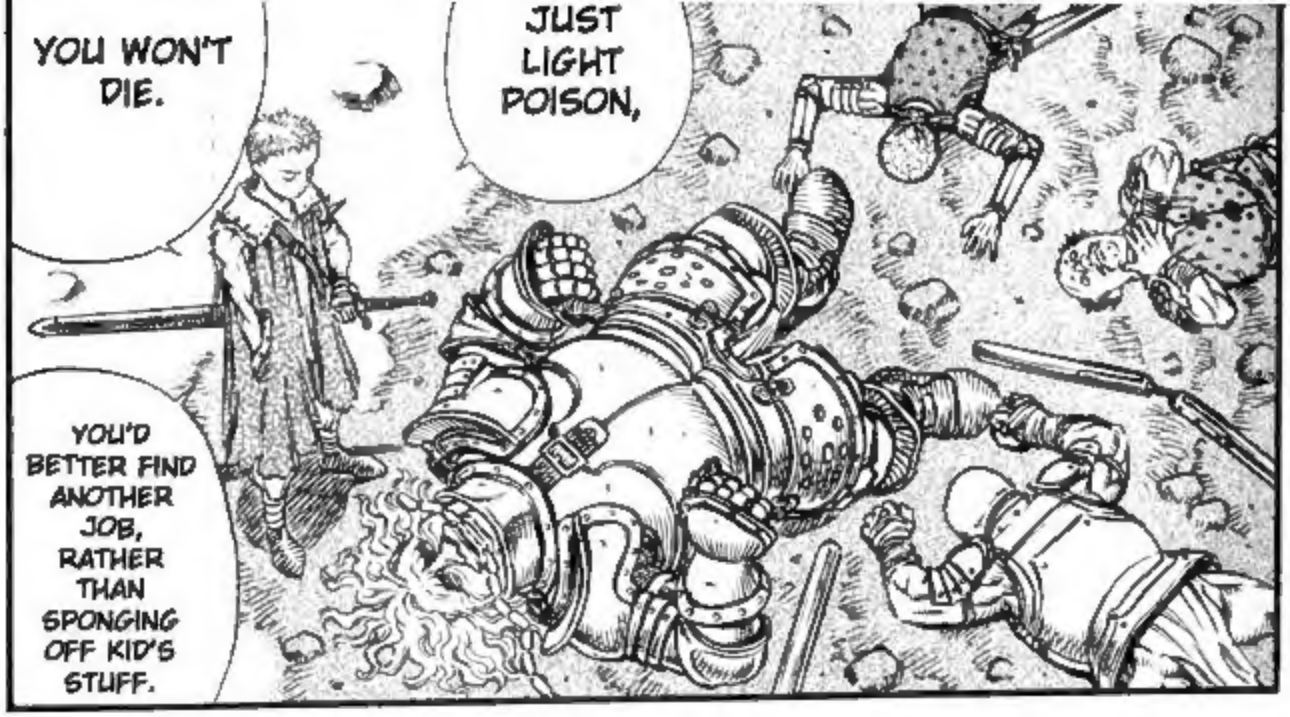
JUST LEAVE EVERY-THING HERE.

YOU GUYS SHOULD WORK FOR YOUR OWN FOOD! DON'T JUST BULLY A KID! AREN'T YOU ARE ALL ADULTS? THIS IS NOT RIGHT!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! I LOOKED AROUND 4 DAYS FOR THIS FOOD!

YOU BIG UGLY ...
YOUR FACE LOOKS LIKE A 3 YEARS OLD KID...
THEN I WILL MAKE SURE YOU NEVER BECOME ONE OF THOSE USELESS ADULTS, K? YOU LITTLE BRAT!
ARE YOU TALKING TRASH?
.....
.... THIS ....
THIS IS FROM MY HEART.
SO GOOD, THERE'S EVEN WINE!
FOOD... FOOD!
LOOK HOW MUCH FOOD THEY LEFT, SEEMS LIKE THEY LEFT IN A RUSH!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF KUSHAN!
DON'T GET MAD BECAUSE OF THAT! HEY YOU GO!
I DON'T WANNA DIE BEFORE GETTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WOMEN
HEY! I HEARD THAT!
ドサ..

I STOLE THEM FROM KUSHAN. YOU BETTER ENJOY IT.
HEHE.. OH YA?
IS THE FOOD GOOD?
YES, BUT IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS!
UGH HHH. ...!
I KNOW, GET LOST
KID, WHAT DID YOU DO... UGH!
THIS THING REALLY WORKS....BUT ITS QUITE EXPENSIVE!
HEY... HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?
!?
HAH AHA
I HATE TO BE TREATED UNFAIRLY, ESPE-CIALLY BY YOUR KIND, WHO ONLY HAS A BIG BODY AND NOTHING ELSE!
MY FOOD IS HERE!

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
YOU, FUCKIN' KID!!
STOP CALLING ME A KID!
MY NAME IS ISHIDORO.


YOU WON'T DIE.
JUST LIGHT POISON,
YOU'D BETTER FIND ANOTHER JOB, RATHER THAN SPONGING OFF KID'S STUFF.

HEY, WHAT HAP-PENED?
IS THERE A ENEMY?
EVERYONE IS DOWN!

OK THEN, BYE.

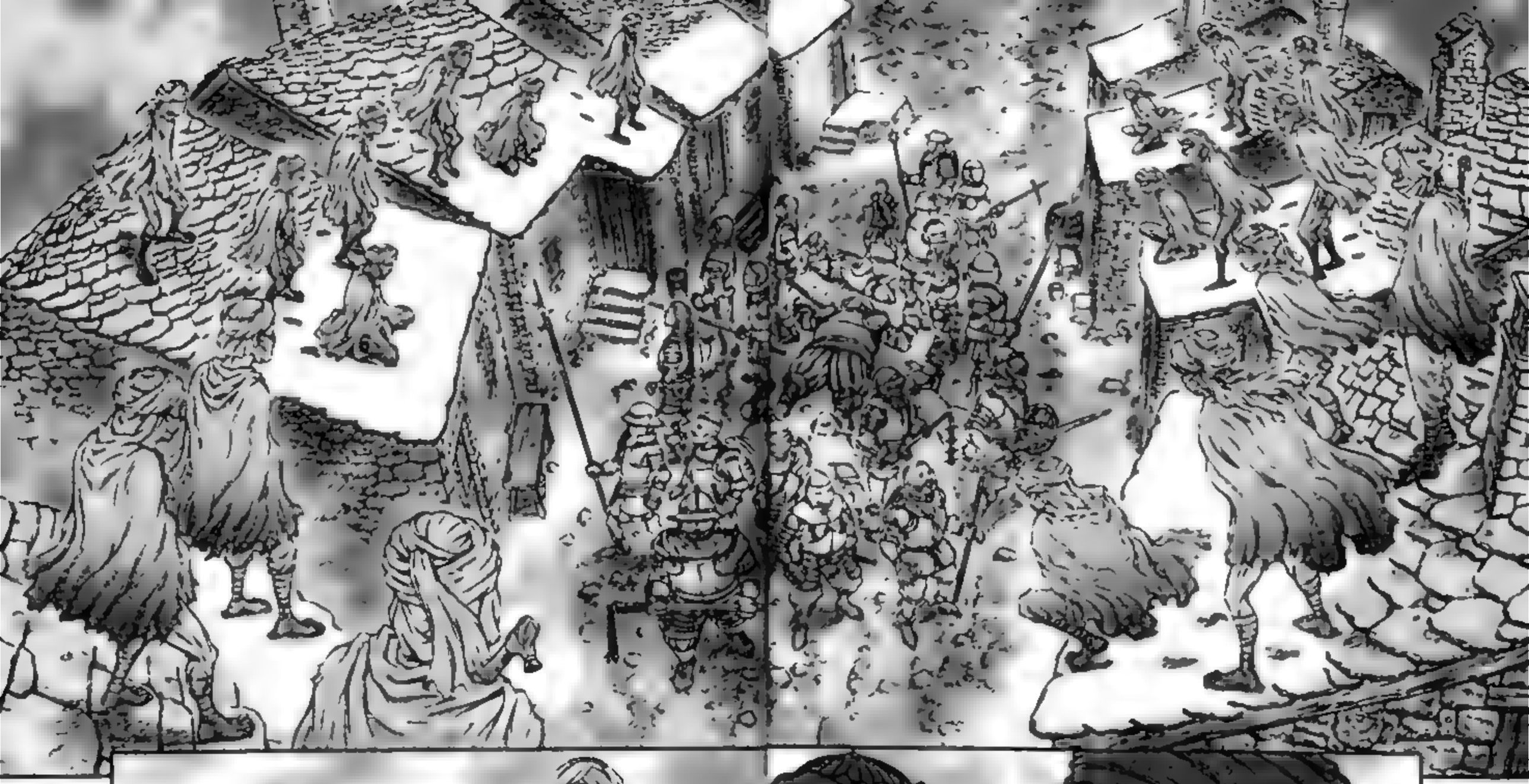
WOH-WAH-WHA-WA!
I REALLY WANTED TO CRY!
IT'S SO SCARY!

THEY HAD MORE FRIENDS !!
OH, MY GOD!!

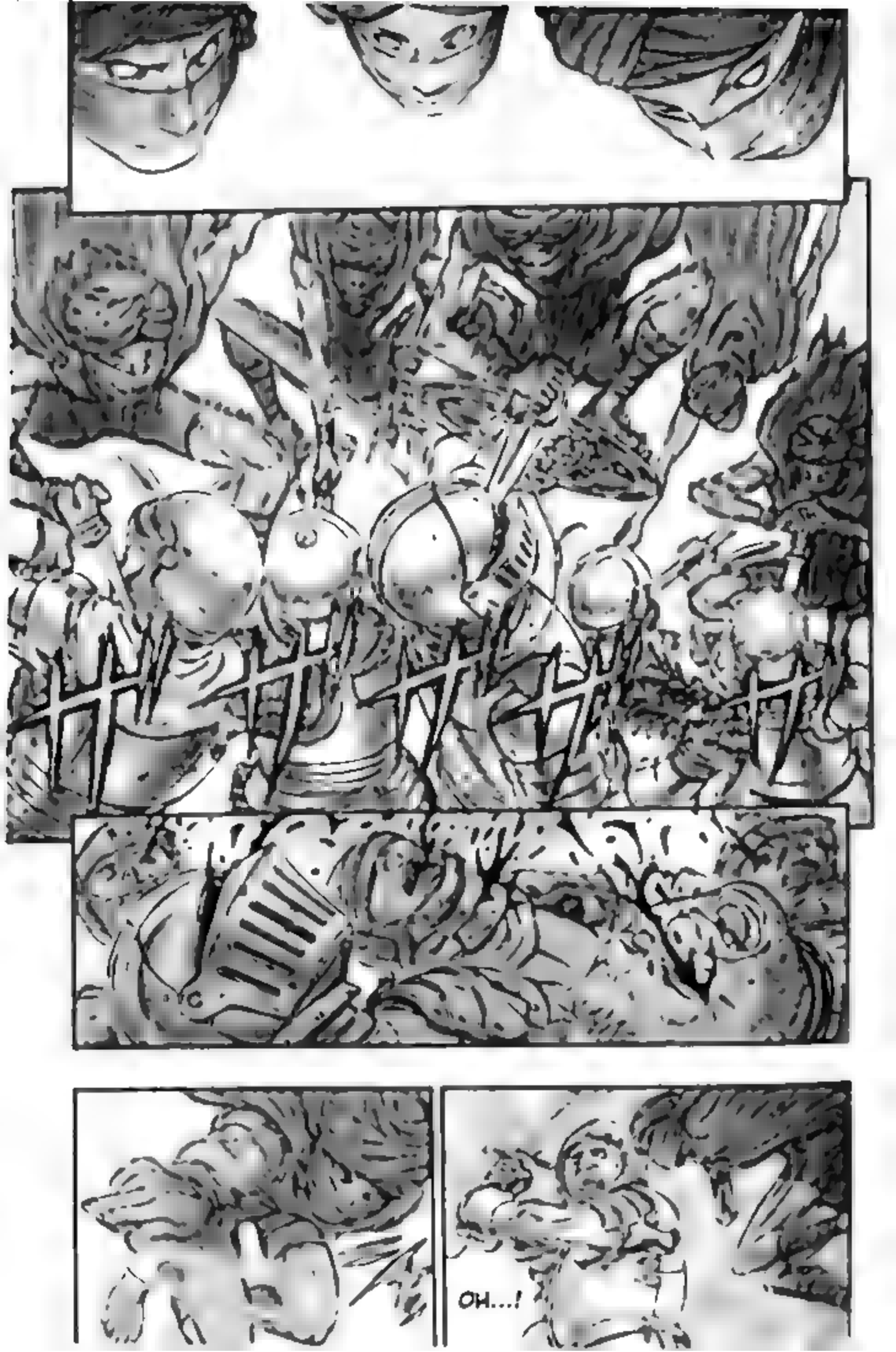
WHAT'S GOING ON! WHAT HAS HAP-PENED?
I'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING!!
WHO'S THIS LITTLE KID?
DID KUSHAN DO THIS?

HEY, THIS IS NOT GOOD!
NO... NO...IT'S THIS KID...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
KUSHAN'S ARMY IS HERE...!
KUSHAN WAS HERE!!
WHAT ?
IDIOTS.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT ANYMORE!
BUT, WHERE ARE THEY...
IF...IF WE DON'T RUN AWAY FAST...!
AND, LOOK, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOWN, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY KNIFE INJURIES AT ALL.
I FEEL SO WEIRD, IF THE ARMY OF KUSHAN CAME, WHY DIDN'T WE HEAR ANY HORSES!
WAIT, KID.
.....
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT....

I GUESS BECAUSE I'M A KID ...
KID, WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY? IF THE KUSHAN'S ARMY CAME, HOW COME YOU'RE FINE?
.....
THEN, WHERE DID KUSHAN'S ARMY GO?
AH ...
KUSHAN'S ARMY WON'T LET A KID GO!
THIS IS NOT GOOD! I WILL GET KILLED!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!!
RIGHT... RIGHT THERE...!
HUH?



WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED!
THEY ARE KUSHAN'S ARMY!
IT'S....IT'S KUSHAN'S ARMY!
WHO ARE THEY? WHEN DID THEY .....!
SON.. SON OF A BITCH! COME AND GET US!
ARE THEY .. ARE THEY HERE FOR REAL?
RUN.. LET'S RUN!
IT'S TOO LATE!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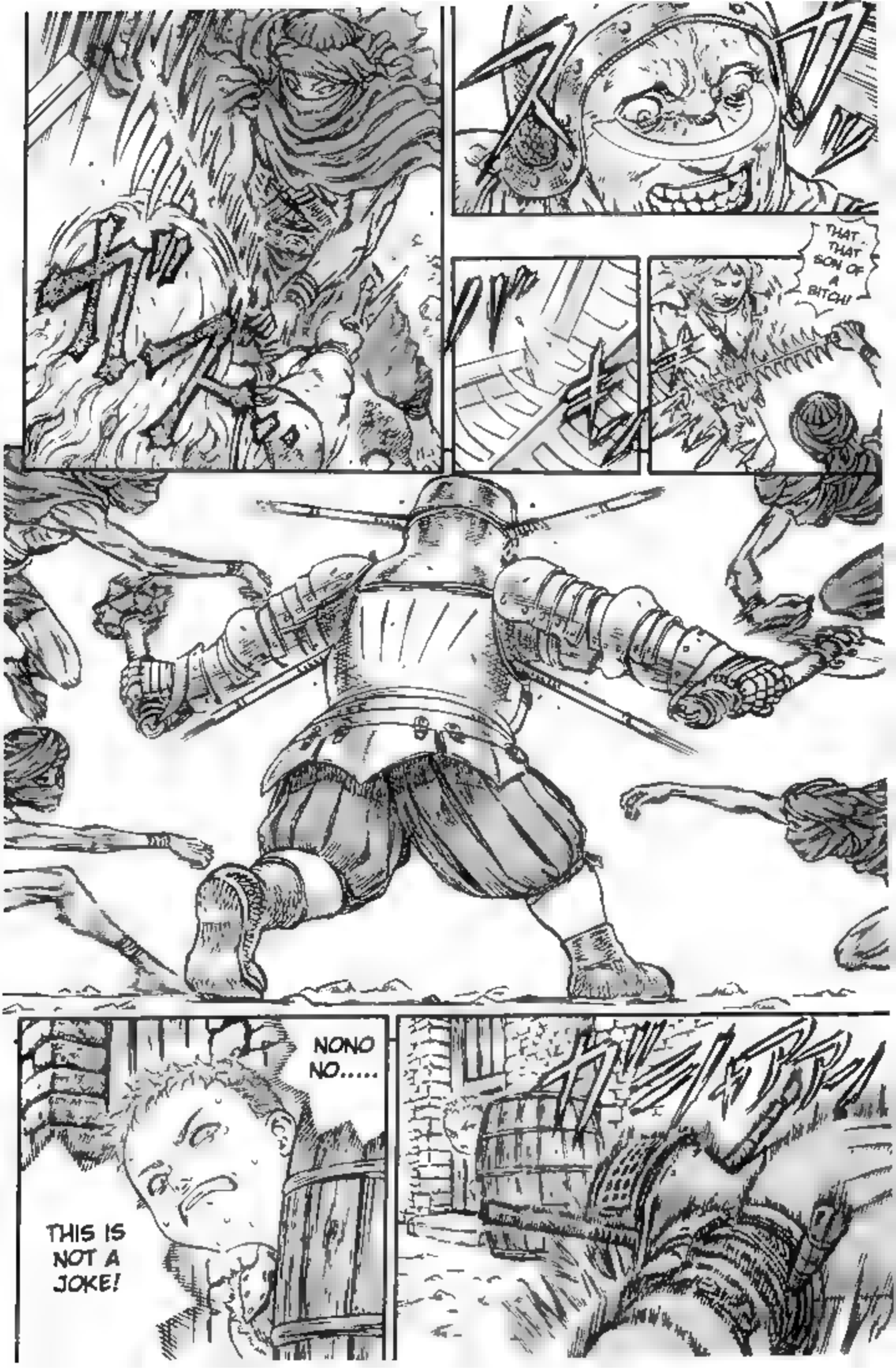
THAT... THAT SON OF A BITCH!
NONO NO.....
THIS IS NOT A JOKE!

EVERY-
ONE WAS
KILLED
....!
IN ONLY A
SPLIT
SECOND....!

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HE'S COMING UP HERE!!
WHO THE HELL IS HE!?

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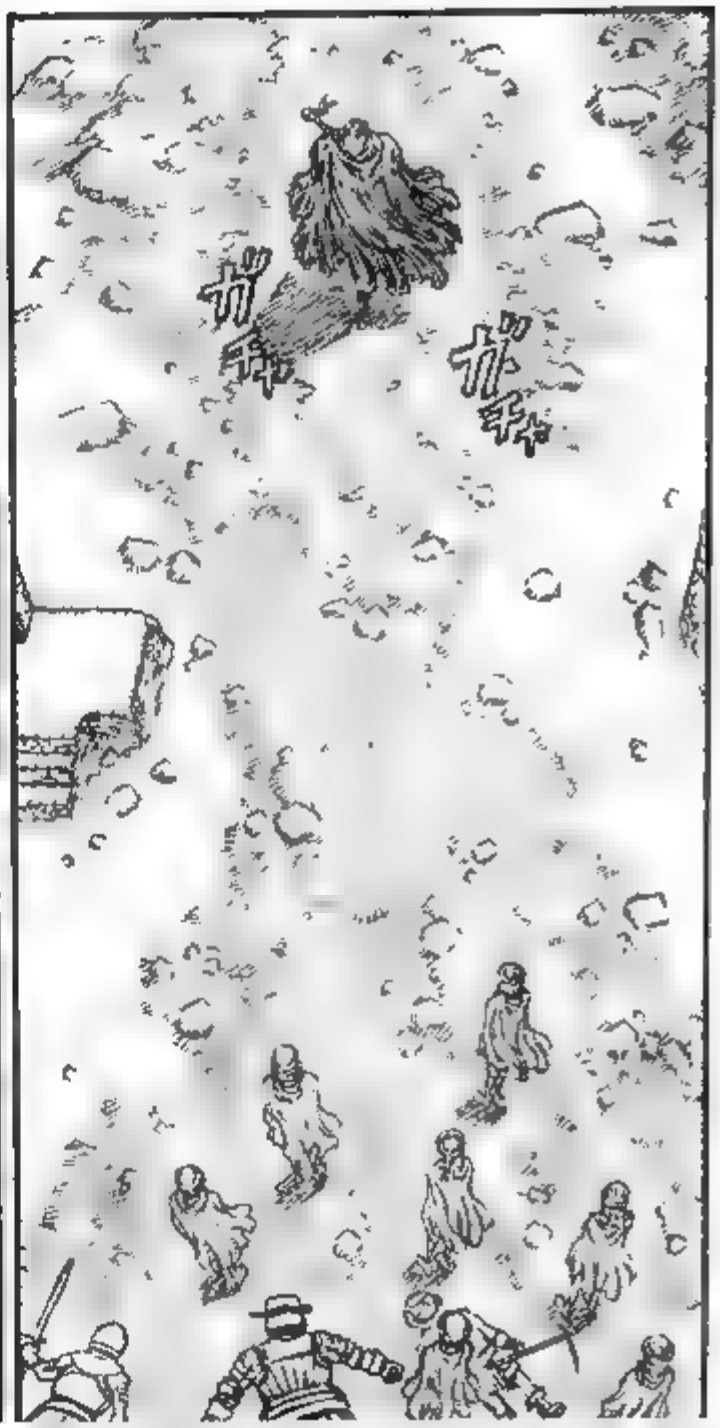
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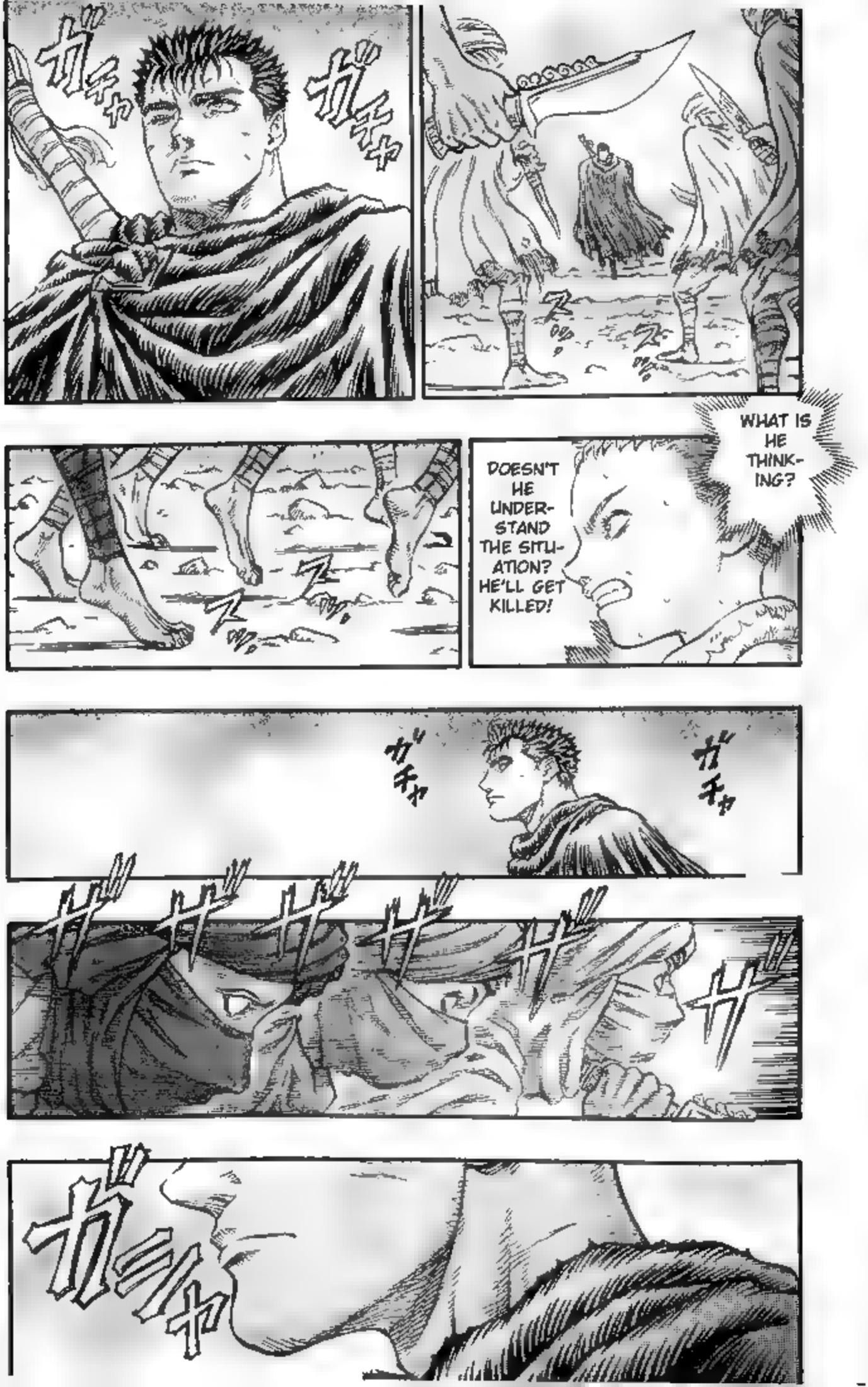
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WHAT IS HE THINK-ING?
DOESN'T HE UNDER-STAND THE SITU-ATION? HE'LL GET KILLED!
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KUSHAN (2)

BERSERK

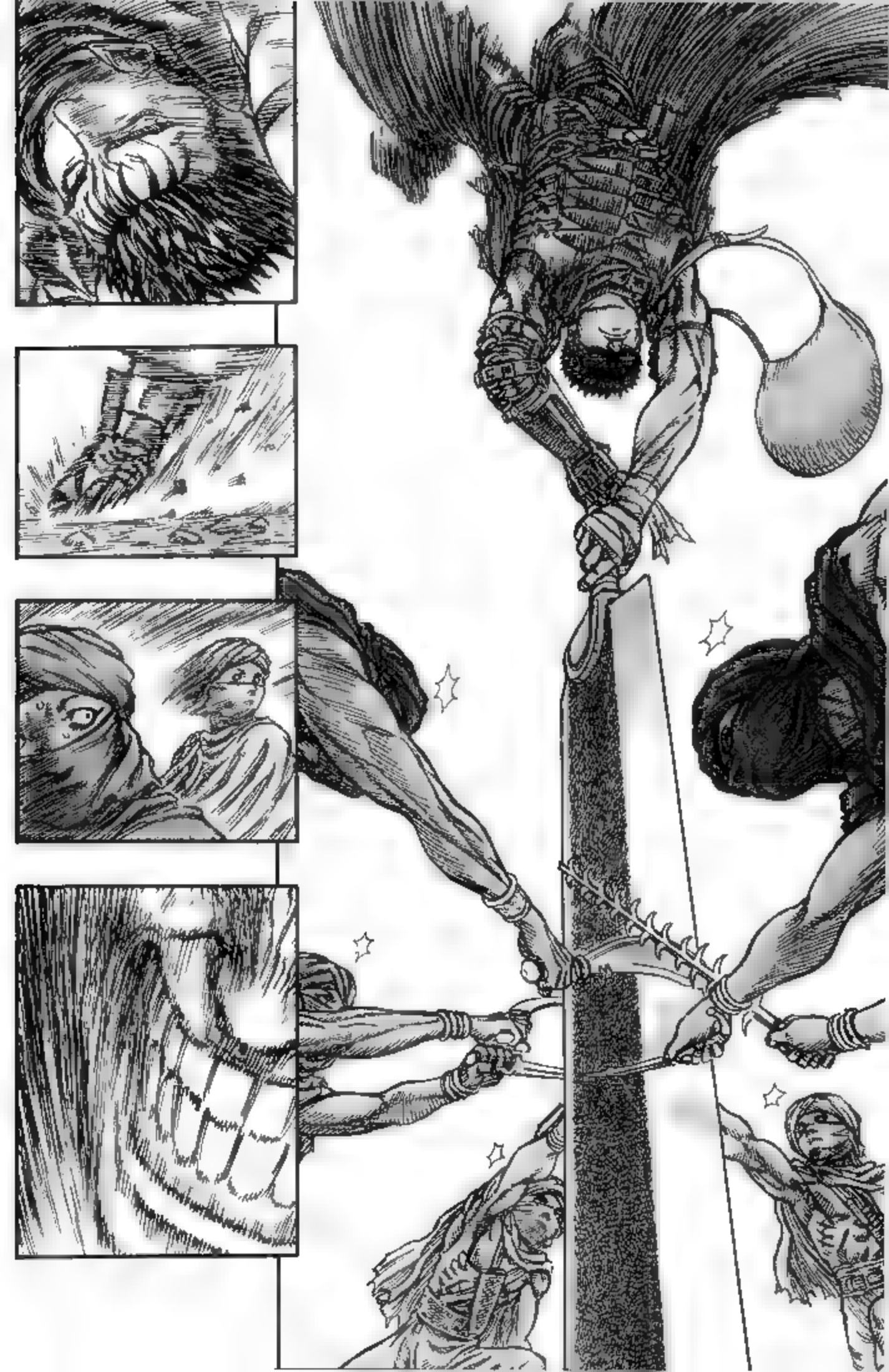
ALL OF A SUDDEN ...
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

I'M GLAD I COULD TRY MY NEW SWORD.

JUST ONE SWING...! AND HE KILLED ALL OF THEM!
IS...IS THAT A SWORD ?
WHAT IS THAT BIG THING?
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT!?
HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE?
WHO ARE YOU?
HEY! GET LOST! I'M IN A HURRY!
OH, YOU WON'T LISTEN TO ME.
IS THAT A HUMAN WEAPON
IRON FIST ...!!
HEY! KID!

THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS!
HEY, YOU'D BETTER PROTECT YOURSELF!
!!?

HE'S SURROUNDED .....!!



HEY! KID! YOU HAVE FOOD & WINE
STRONG
YOU CAN HIDE IT, BUT I CAN SMELL IT
STRONG ....
WE DON'T ASK FOR MUCH.
GOTO,
YOU DID REALLY GOOD JOB.

STRONG !!!!!!
PAKK, LET'S GO
WHO IS HE?
I DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE MY TIME.
WHO THE HELL ARE THEY?
IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE.

.....
.....
.....
.....
WE SHOULDN'T LOSE ANY MORE SOLDIERS.
OUR MISSION IS SCOUTING.
JUST LETTING HIM GO LIKE THAT
IS THAT ALL RIGHT, MASTER ?
DON'T WORRY .
BUT WE WILL SACRIFICE SOMETHING.
....WE MAY BE ABLE TO KILL HIM.
YOU KNOW HIM
DON'T UNDER-ESTI-MATE HIM!
BUT, WE CAN BEAT HIM SURELY.

A VERY LONG .... TIME AGO ....
...IT WAS A WHILE AGO.
IS TO FIND THE "GOD LAND"
ANYWAY, THE FIRST THING WE HAVE TO DO,

FASTER!

FASTER!

I MUST GO FASTER!

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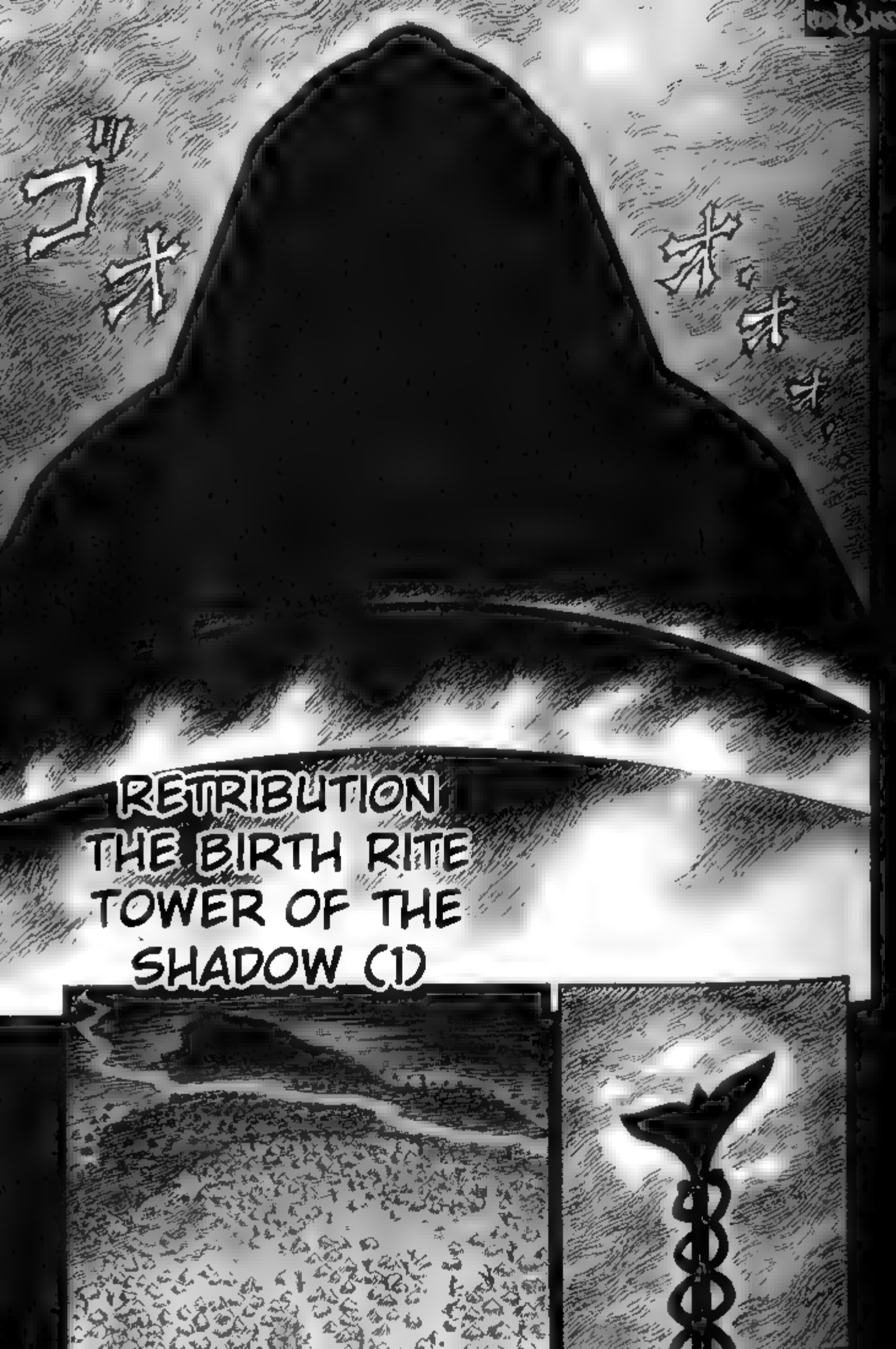
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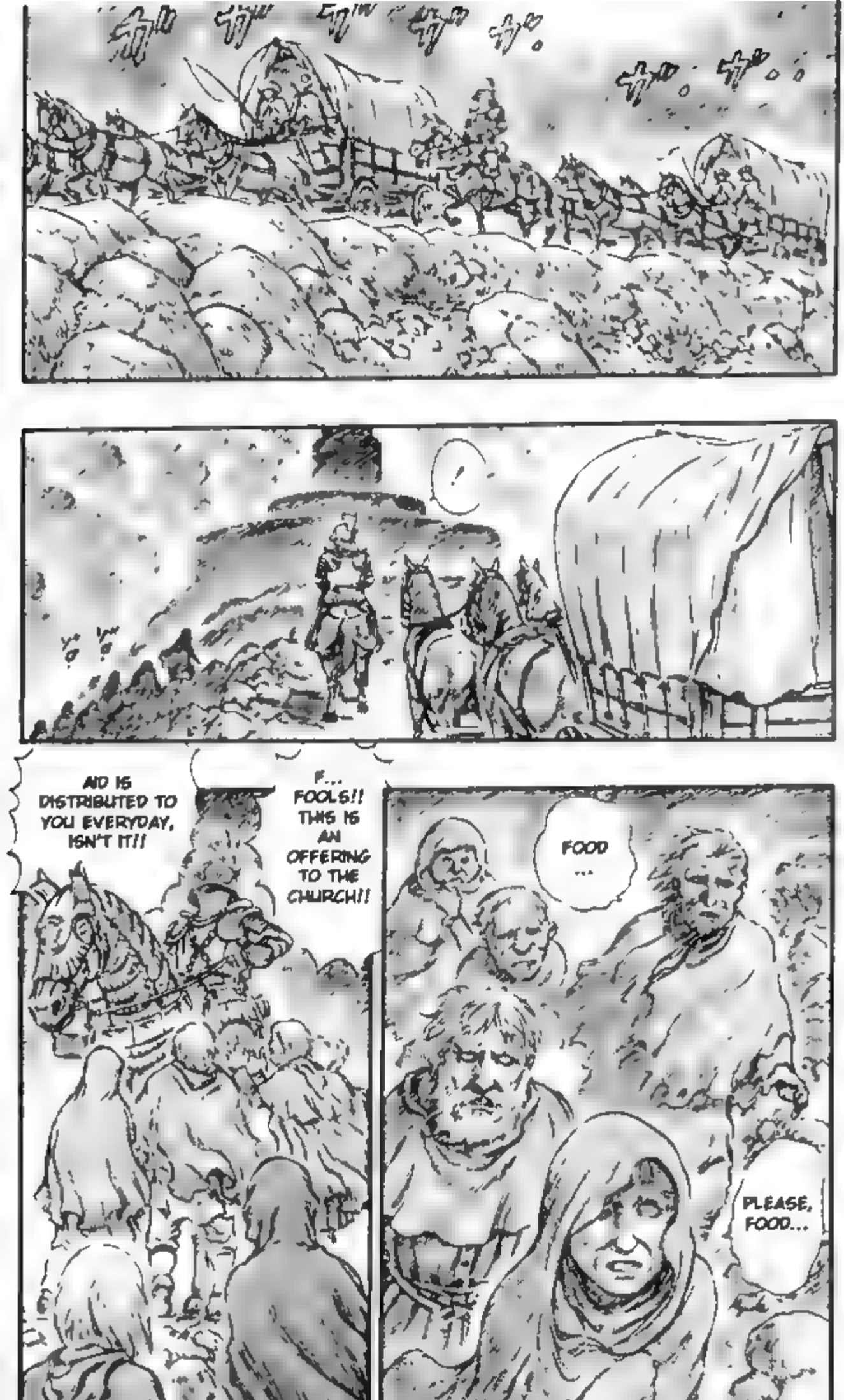
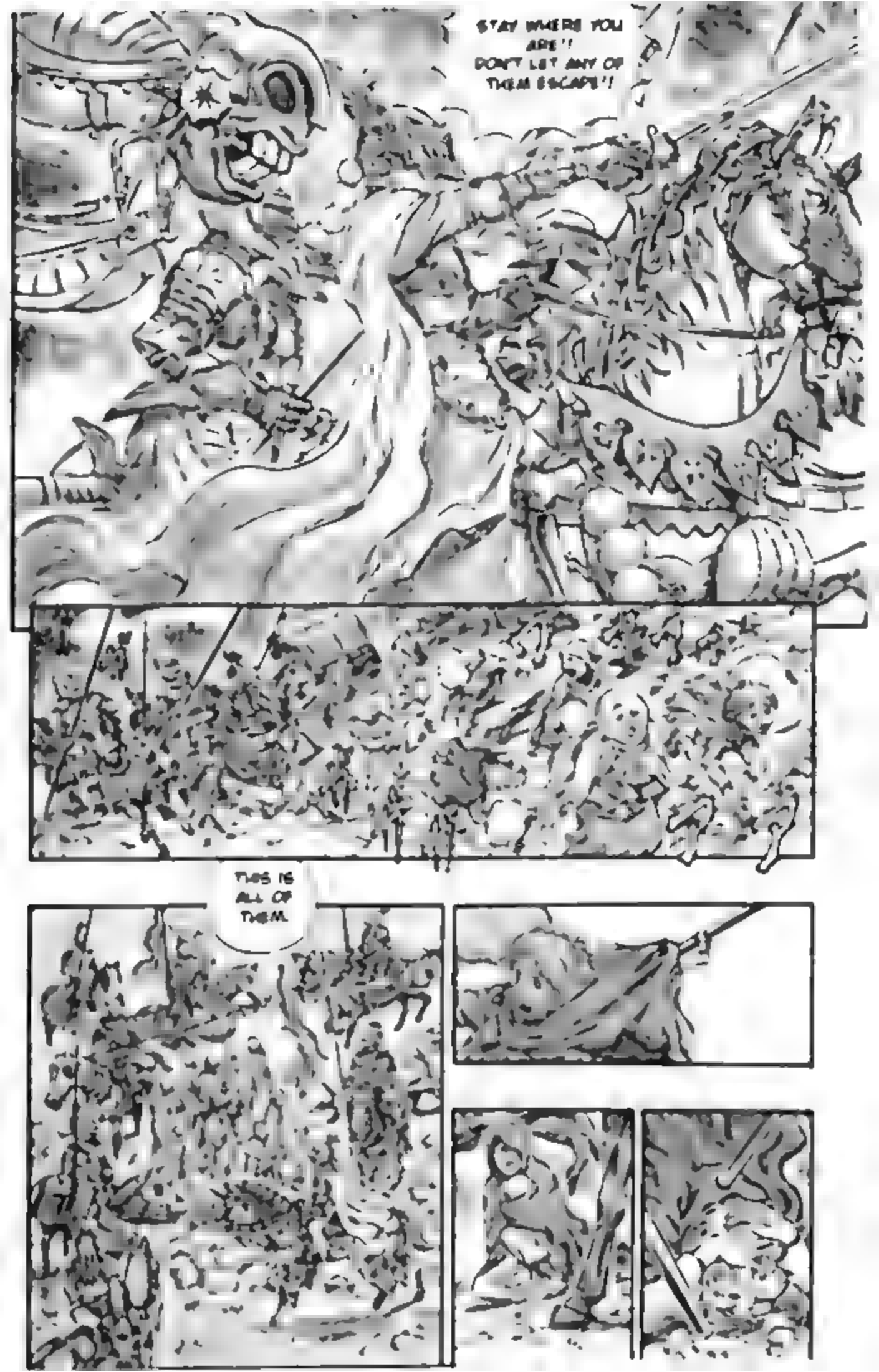
TOWER OF THE
SHADOW (1)

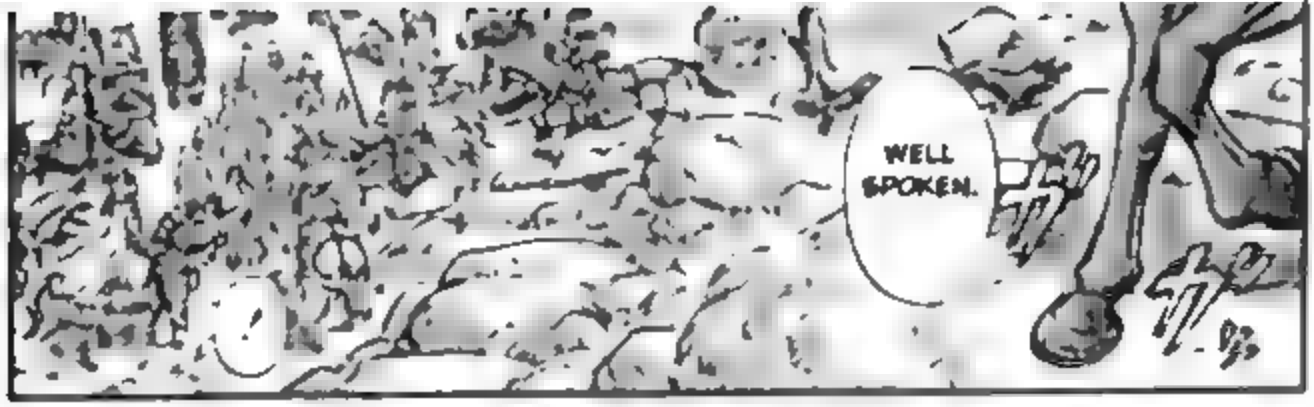
AGAIN ...
ANOTHER PRIEST ! .....
THE HERE-TICS...
IT'S THE HERETICS' HANDI-WORK.
SH!
THINGS WILL BE TENSE ONCE MORE. THE HUNT FOR THE HERETICS...


AID IS DISTRIBUTED TO YOU EVERYDAY, ISN'T IT!!
F... FOOLS!! THIS IS AN OFFERING TO THE CHURCH!!
FOOD ...
PLEASE, FOOD...

WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
PLEASE, HAVE MERCY
HAVE MERCY
H... HEY!
WHAT, SOUP MADE FROM VEGETABLE SCRAPS WE NEED MORE OR WE'LL DIE!!
YOU HAVE A FULL STOMACH EVERY-DAY, DON'T YOU?
THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN!!
IT CAN'T BE!!

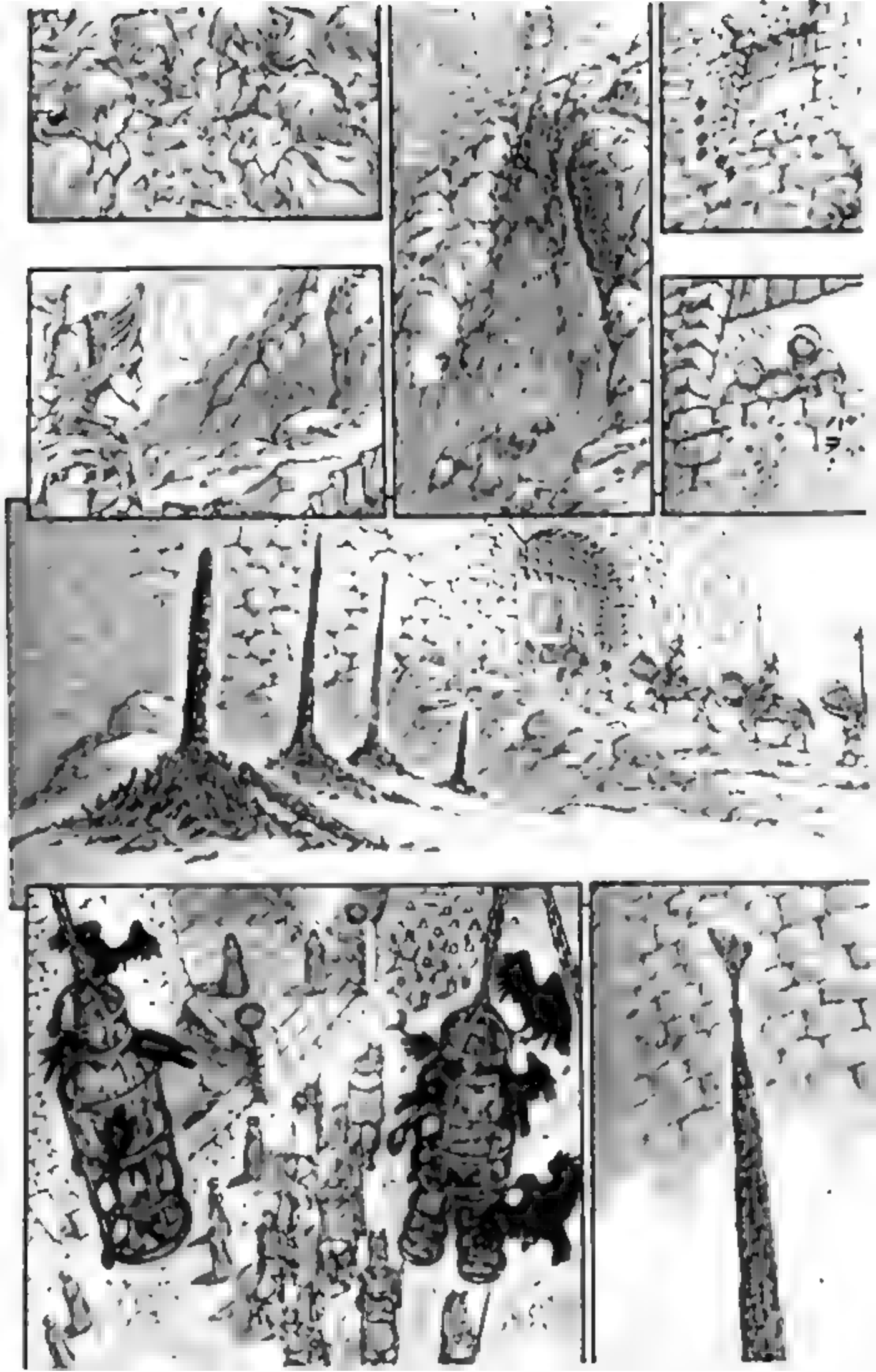

STAY WHERE YOU ARE!! DON'T LET ANY OF THEM ESCAPE!!
THIS IS ALL OF THEM.

IS THIS THE WAY BELIEVERS BEHAVE!?
WHAT KIND OF PLAN IS THIS!? SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU THOUGHT TO LAY HANDS ON CHURCH PROPERTY!?
I KNOW IT'S HARD, BUT I WILL NOT LET YOU HAVE THEM!!
THE PROVISIONS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, THE OTHER MATERIALS AS WELL, ARE REQUIRED BY THE VATICAN!!
ALMOST ALL THE TREES HERE ABOUT HAVE BEEN FELLED HOW ARE WE TO MAKE IT THROUGH WINTER TO
THE SICK ...
HOW MANY MORE DAYS MUST WE LIVE ON NOTHING BUT WATERY SOUP!?
WE CAN NOT SURVIVE SUCH HARD-SHIP WE DON'T WANT TO DIE
GOD'S DIVINE PROTECTION IS NEEDED NOW!!
MY BABY IS DYING!
THIS CHILD ...HE NO LONGER HAS THE STRENGTH TO BREAST FEED!
PLEASE, I BEG YOU!
... WHAT DID YOU SAY?


WELL SPOKEN.

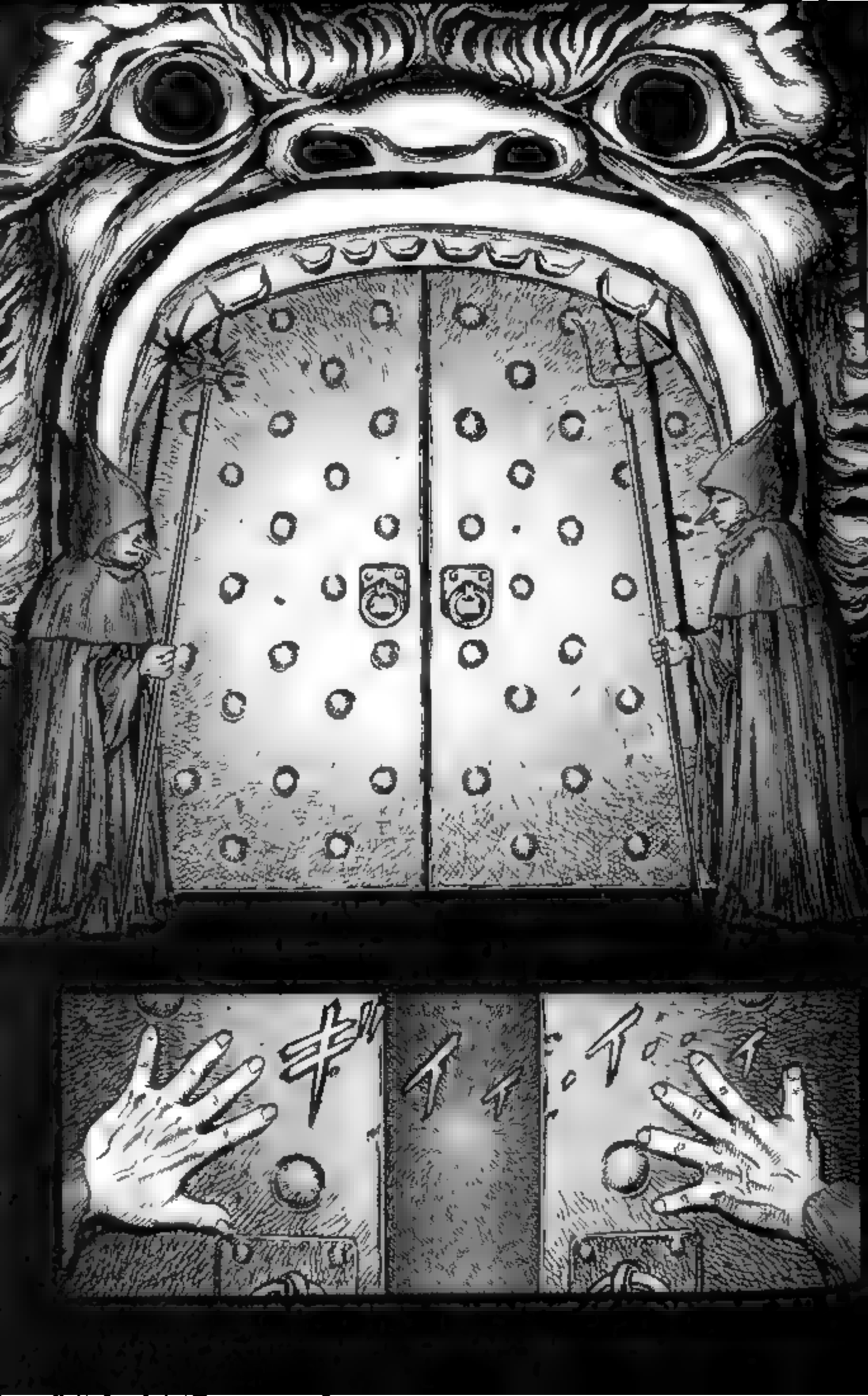
THE LORD WILL SHOW MERCY.
IN DEFERENCE TO YOUR COURAGE.

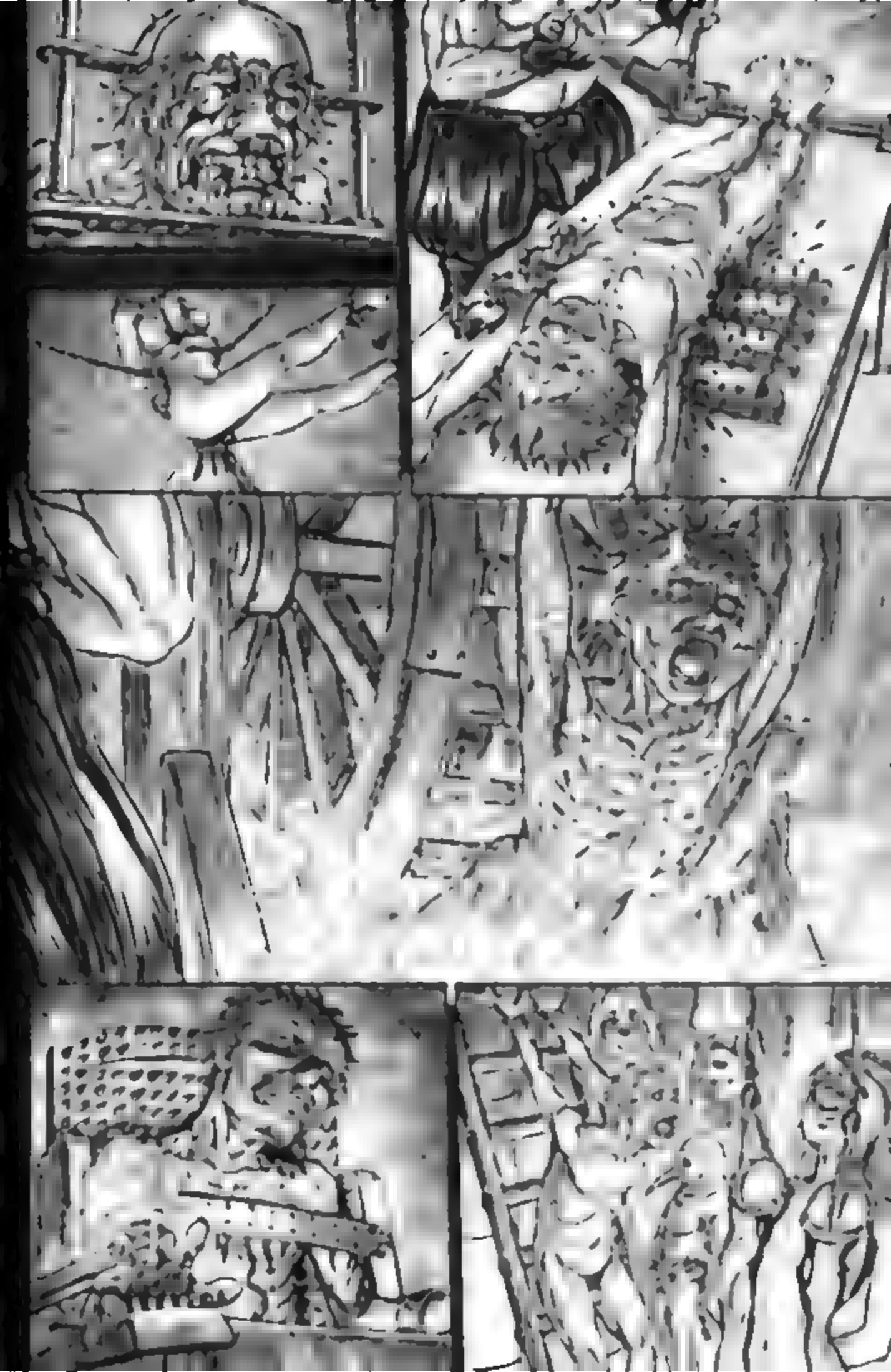
HER BLASPHEMY WAS MOTIVATED BY THE WELFARE OF HER CHILD. THE OTHER MATTER BEFORE ME WHICH HAS LED TO THEIR ARREST IS THE WORK OF GOD
ALTHOUGH I AM ALSO OPPOSED TO THAT WHICH I HAVE BORNE WITNESS.
NATURALLY I HAVE TAKEN THAT INTO CONSIDERATION.
BUT LORD MOZGUS IF THEY GO UNPUNISHED LAW AND ORDER WILL
WE MUST HEED THE CALL OF THIS COURAGEOUS WOMAN'S PURE LOVE.
IT IS SAID THAT LOVE KNOWS NO FEAR.
TAKE THESE PEOPLE TO THE ABBEY AT ONCE
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!



ESCORT THESE PEOPLE THAT WAY.
NOW, WE GO THIS WAY.
DO NOT BE CONCERNED. YOU WILL MEET AGAIN
..WILL IT WORK?
IF HE'S GIVEN REST AND NOURISHMENT, HE SHOULD RECOVER BEFORE TOO LONG
HIS CONDITION SEEMS TO HAVE IMPROVED
THANK GOOD-NESS
COME NOW, DRINK.

THANK YOU..
THANK YOU!
I ... REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY ..
AND I WILL TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PRELATE OVER CONDITIONS FOR SHARING SOME MEASURE OF FOOD FROM AMONGST PRIOR OFFERINGS WITH THE REFUGEES.
I HAVE ALSO SENT A LETTER CALLING FOR AID TO THE VATICAN. THE REPORT SHOULD REACH THERE SHORTLY.
I MERELY EXECUTED GOD'S WILL.
I DON'T DESERVE YOUR THANKS.
.....
YOUR DUTIES AS A BELIEVER AWAIT.
COME NOW, THIS WAY.
YOU CAN RETURN TO RESUME YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THIS CHILD LATER.
EH ?

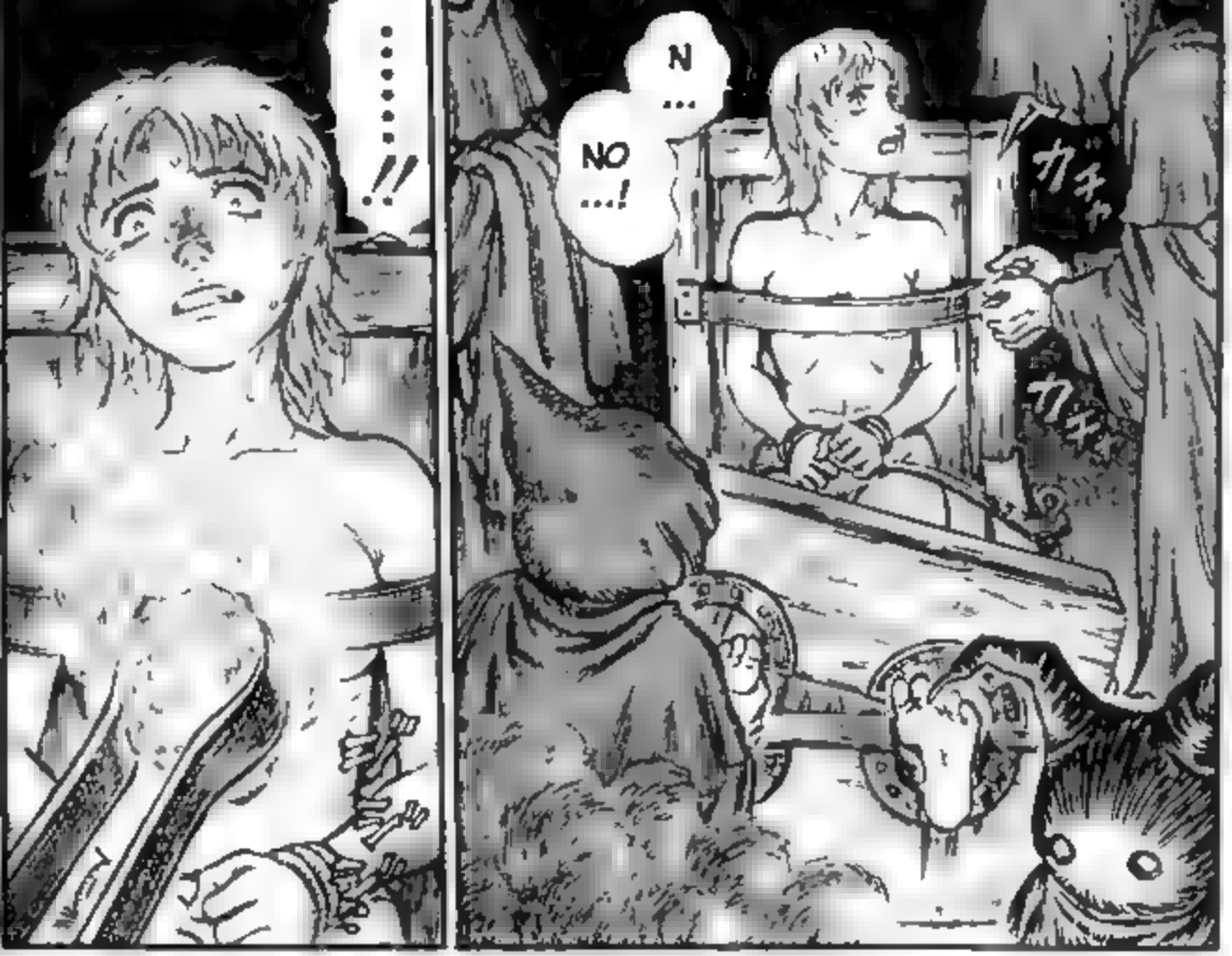




FARNEZE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU'VE SET FOOT INTO THIS ROOM, ISN'T IT.
!!
IN THE GARDEN OF THE SEMINARY ..... A WRETCHED STATE OF AFFAIRS;
ROBBERY, RAPE, MURDER...
THE LAND SURROUNDING ALBION ABBEY IS NOW THE HAUNT OF CRIMINALS.
HERETICS.
AND, WORST OF ALL,
WHAT IS WORSE IS THAT ONLY THE MONK'S FLAYED SKIN AND ROBES WERE FOUND, BOTH FLUTTERING ON THE TRUNK OF A TREE.
RECENTLY ANOTHER PERSON, A MONK, WAS FOUND MURDERED IN THE REFUGEE CAMP.
AT THE END OF AN INQUIRY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE MANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS. WITH EACH CONFESSION THE FUTILITY OF HERESY INCREASES
THE BLESSED MESSAGE IS SPREADING THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF BOTH ZEALOUS BELIEVERS AND THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN.
MANY CONVERTS HAVE ALSO COME FORTH FROM THAT WITHIN. IT IS A RIGHTEOUS TASK TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE

DO NOT AVERT YOUR GAZE.
FOR ALL THE THINGS THAT POUR FORTH ONTO THE EARTH, GOD HAS ONLY LOVE. BUT, GOD IS A STERN JUDGE OF MEN.
THIS HELLISH VISION IS MERELY ANOTHER SIDE OF THAT VATICAN YOU SWORE TO PROTECT.
HI ...
MY CHILD, I WILL HELP YOU TO FREE YOURSELF OF THE SINS OF THE PAST. YOUR LOVE AND COURAGE MUST BE PRAISED!!
BUT, A SIN IS A SIN!!!
YOU CAN NOT ESCAPE !!

I WANT YOU TO UNDER-TAKE THIS TEST OF GOD'S, AND I WANT YOU TO PASS IT!!
YOU HAVE COURAGE, AND BECAUSE IT IS YOU!!
COME NOW!! YOUR ATTENDANT HAS WAITED LONG ENOUGH!!
DO NOT BE AFRAID!!!
PUT YOUR FAITH IN THE HAND OF GOD!!



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RETRIBUTION
THE BIRTH RITE
TOWER OF THE
SHADOW (2)

WE'RE GOING TO EXAMINE THOSE CLAIMS NOW!!
WE HAVE TESTIMONY STATING YOU WERE OBSERVED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!!

I'M NOT A HERETIC!
RELEASE ME!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO THE PRIEST...!

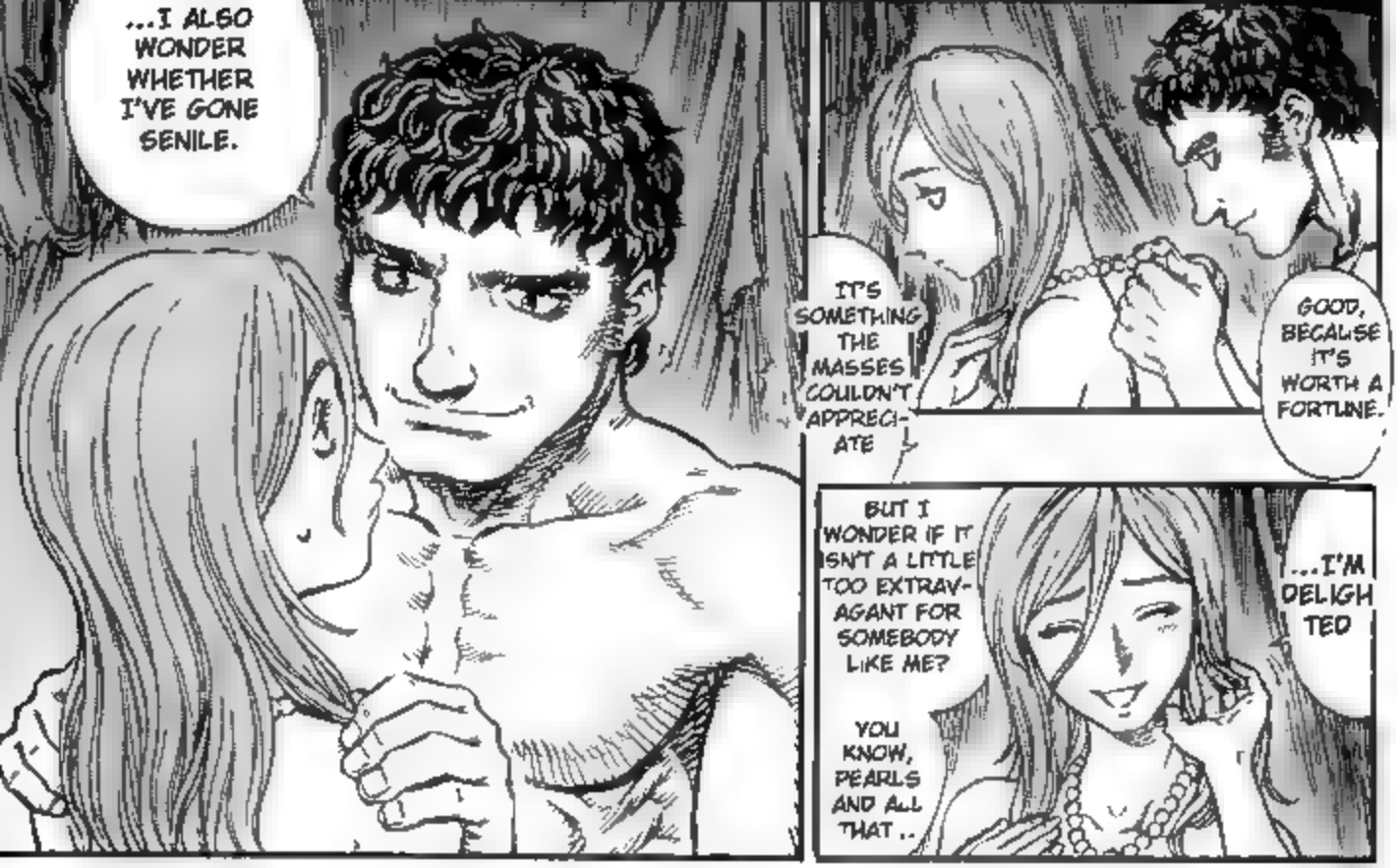
NONSENSE! IF YOU'RE INNOCENT, IMMEDIATELY UPON IT BEING PROVEN .....
YOU'RE JOKING!! NOT ONE OTHER PERSON HAS COME BACK SAFE AND SOUND, HAVE THEY!!
!!
A BLESSING .....
A BLESSING .....
FROM GOD ...

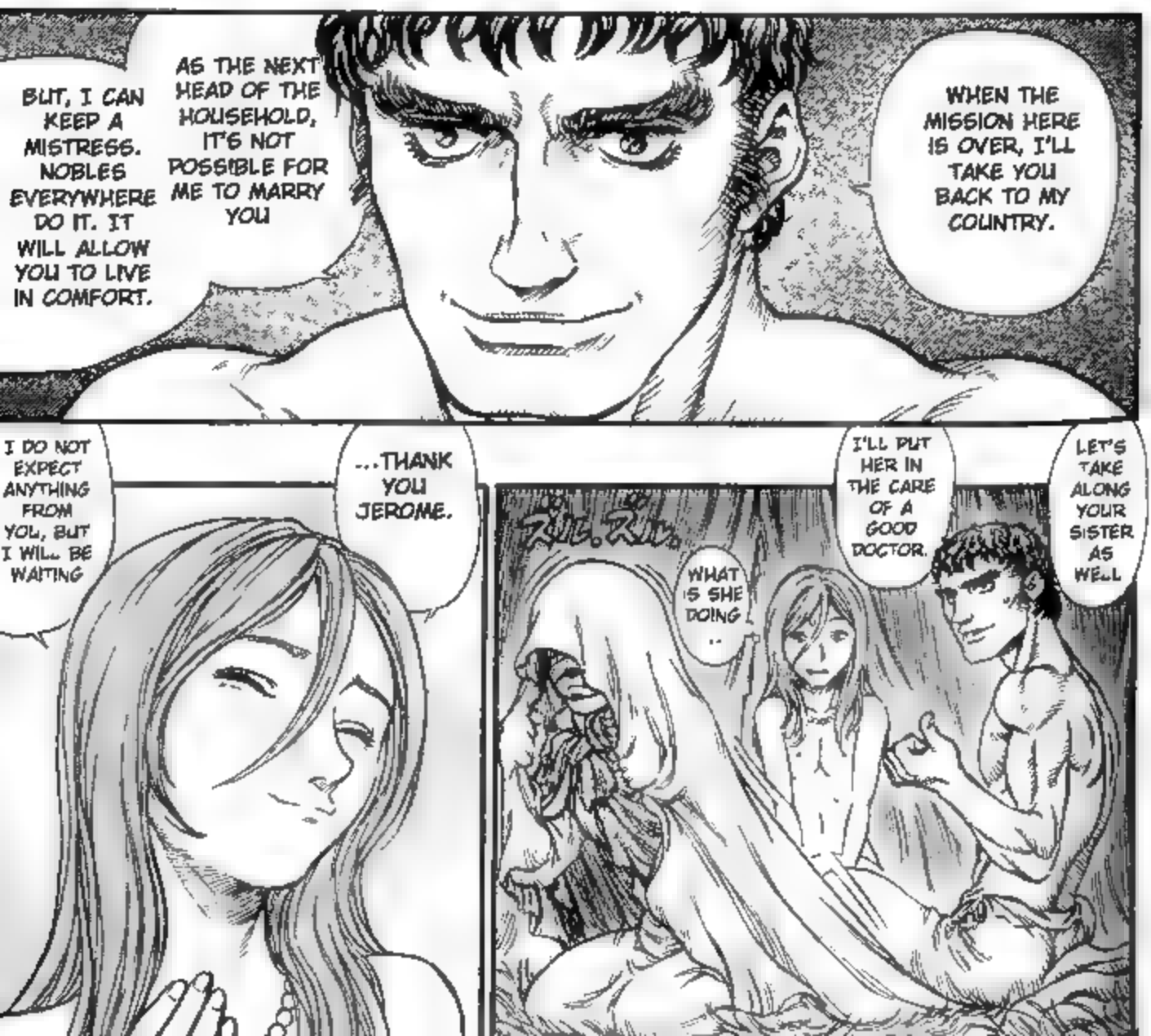
I'M GOING TO KILL THEM...!!
BECAUSE IF I COME BACK, I'M GOING TO BEAT THEM TO DEATH!! YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!!
WHO PUT ME IN!?
MY COMPANIONS!! WHO THE HELL IS IT!?
TAKE HIM IN.
GAAA
AH AH

OI, MAKE A BIT OF AN EFFORT.
OH, NO. I'M SORRY.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. YOU'RE SPECIAL..... THAT'S WHY I PASS-BY EVERY DAY LIKE THIS.
I'M HAPPY. WORK CAN WAIT.
EVEN THOUGH YOUR FELLOW SOLDIERS ARE STILL WORKING,
AND THE SUN HASN'T SET,
YOU'RE UPSET, AREN'T YOU?
BUT ARE YOU OK?
EVEN IF HER ABILITY IS EQUIVALENT TO A MAN'S, THERE'S NOTHING TO INDICATE SHE'S MASTERING LEADERSHIP.
.. THE COMMANDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN IS ALWAYS A WOMAN, IT'S A TRADITION BUT, IF SHE IS AN ORNAMENT, I WANT HER TO ACT IN THE MOST GRACEFUL MANNER POSSIBLE, AS BEFITS AN ORNAMENT.
IF SHE OPENS HER MOUTH, IT'S ABOUT THE MISSION. IT'S RELIGIOUS FERVOR. SHE HANDLES US POORLY.
SHE HAS THE BAD HABIT OF BEING UNABLE TO PAY A COMPLIMENT.
I'M CONCERNED YOU WON'T BE SCOLDED, WILL YOU?
BUT THAT FEMALE OFFICER LOOKS FRIGHTENING.
.....
I DON'T CARE FOR THE COMMANDER.
NOBODY DOES.

IT MUST BE REALLY AWFUL.
SURELY ...
THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE MIDST OF MEN.
AH ...
THE MAIN PROBLEM IS THE SELF-CENTEREDNESS. THE FEELINGS OF HER COLLEAGUES, WHOM WASTE THEIR ENERGY ON AN ILL-CONCEIVED TASK, AREN'T BEING FELT
THAT'S RICH ...
あ！
AH!
おわあ！
OWAA!

HA---- I WAS SO TERRIFIED I WENT LIMP.
I'M SORRY, OK--- SHE'S MY ..... YOUNGER SISTER.
AND DESPITE ME TELLING YOU NOT TO COME IN AS WELL!
HEY ELEN! THIS IS A WORK-SHOP.
I'M SORRY, OK I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU NEXT TIME!
I'LL GO BACK TODAY, FOR THE TIME BEING
HER, THAT'S A PITY
SYPHILIS... SHE WAS UNLUCKY, WASN'T SHE.
..... THEY'RE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE, THIS PROFESSION.
WHAT'S UP WITH THE BAN-DAGES, RIGHT?
HERE'S THE USUAL PAYMENT
AND THERE'S THIS..
WAH! IT'S BEAU-TIFUL ...


...I ALSO WONDER WHETHER I'VE GONE SENILE.
IT'S SOMETHING THE MASSES COULDN'T APPRECI-ATE
GOOD, BECAUSE IT'S WORTH A FORTUNE.
BUT I WONDER IF IT ISN'T A LITTLE TOO EXTRAV-AGANT FOR SOMEBODY LIKE ME?
YOU KNOW, PEARLS AND ALL THAT..
...I'M DELIGH TED


BUT, I CAN KEEP A MISTRESS. NOBLES EVERYWHERE DO IT. IT WILL ALLOW YOU TO LIVE IN COMFORT.
AS THE NEXT HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO MARRY YOU
WHEN THE MISSION HERE IS OVER, I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO MY COUNTRY.
I DO NOT EXPECT ANYTHING FROM YOU, BUT I WILL BE WAITING
...THANK YOU JEROME.
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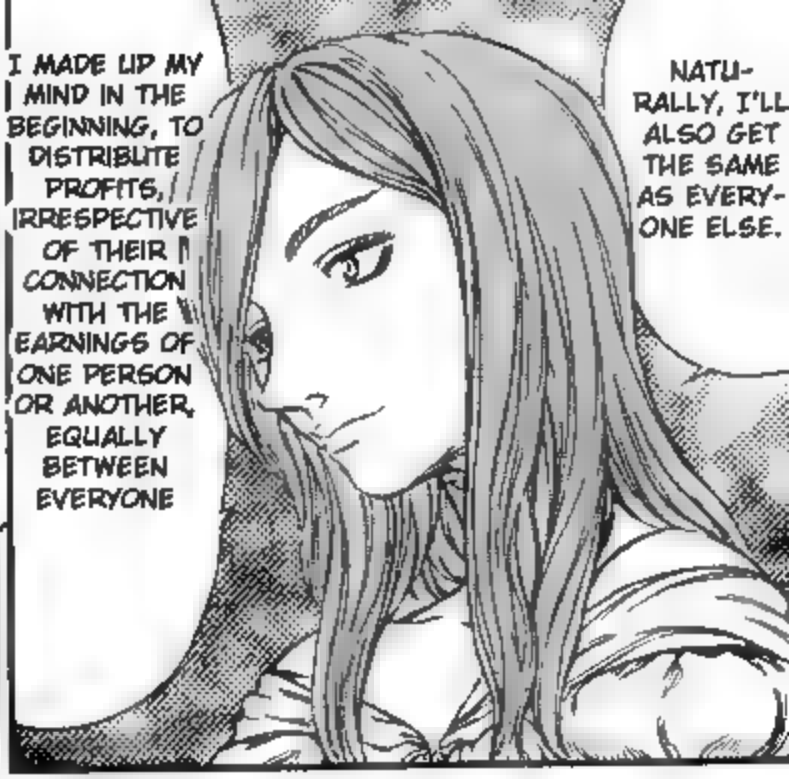
WHAT IS SHE DOING..
I'LL PUT HER IN THE CARE OF A GOOD DOCTOR.
LET'S TAKE ALONG YOUR SISTER AS WELL

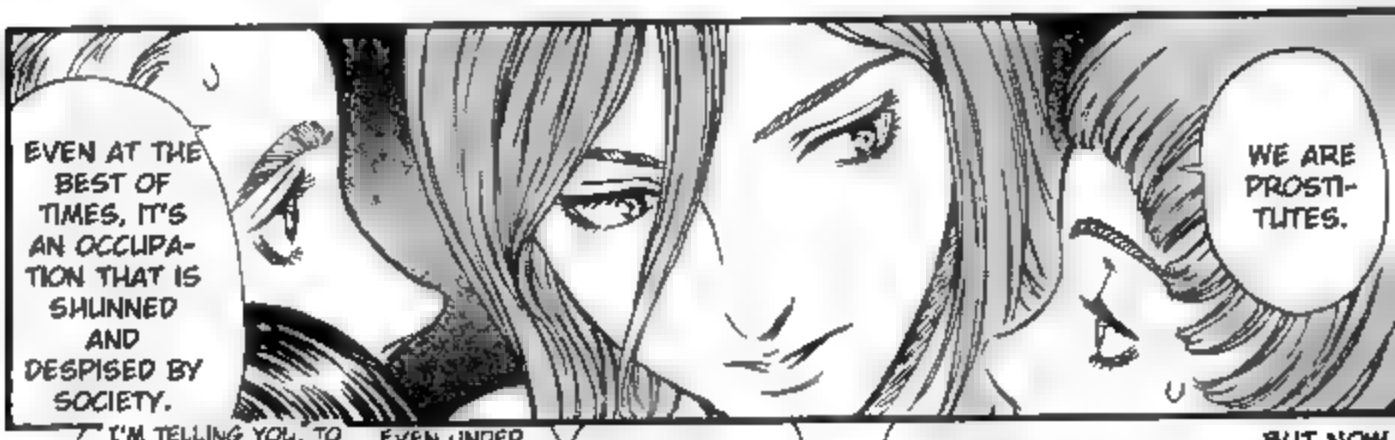
.....
...CASE AFTER CASE, I TREAT PILLOW TALK SERIOUSLY.
A PROSTITUTE CAN'T DO OTHERWISE.
YOU GUYS ...
WE OVERHEARD LUCA.
HEY--- HEY---
WHAT, YOU'RE ALL SPEAKING SO CASUALLY AT THIS HOUR, YOUR FACES HAD BETTER BE EFFECTIVE ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS, HADN'T THEY? I— THEREFORE.
C'MON
BUT
YEAH
THE SHOP BOY COMPANION WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU, WOULDN'T HE
NOT HAVING SPOKEN WITH A NOBLEMAN, I ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE TOLD SUCH THINGS BY AT LEAST A GREAT MERCHANT GENTLEMAN.
THAT'S NOT NICE---- LUCA---
YES YES
... AT ANY RATE, LUCA, THE...

AND THERE'S THIS.....
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
I GET THE MESSAGE. COME IN.
DON'T EAT IT ALL AT ONCE.
WE UNDERSTAND
WE'RE ALWAYS BEING RESCUED BY YOU.
WAAH-- IT'S BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T
AH THIS WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY THE KNIGHT WHO LEFT NOT LONG AGO.
GOD NO!
WAH
BUT THIS WAS GIVEN TO YOU, LUCA..
EEH?
ALL RIGHT, DIVIDE THESE PEARLS BETWEEN EVERYONE EQUALLY.

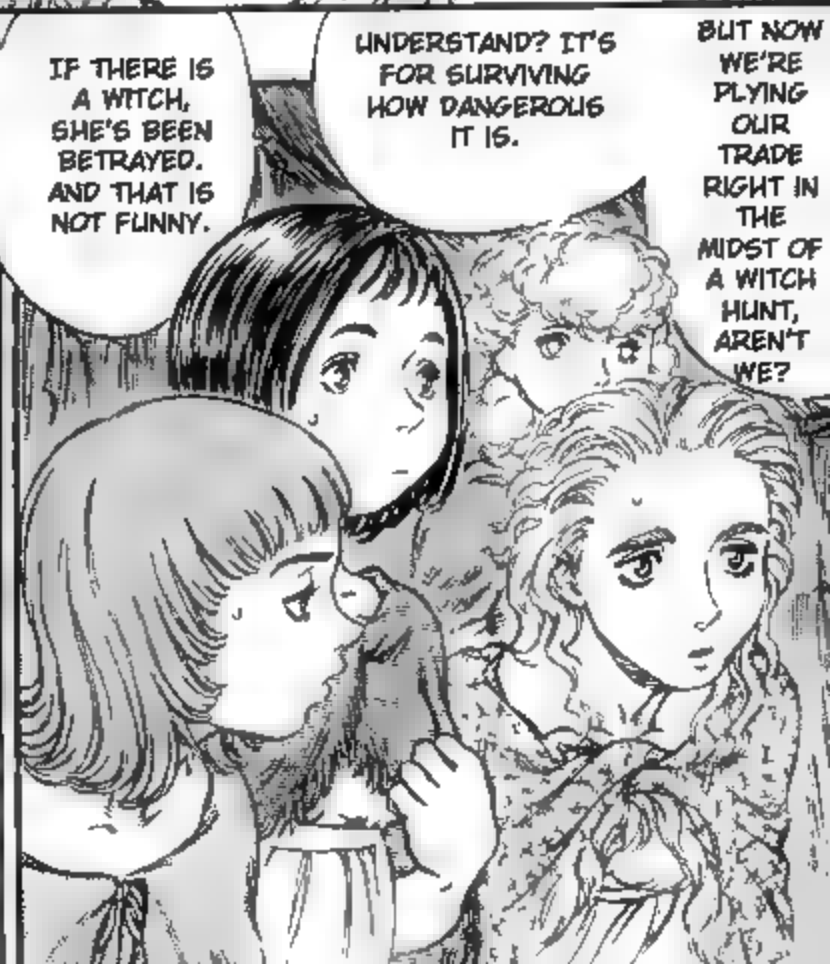
THIS EXTRAVAGANT LOOKING THING...
HEY
... BUT

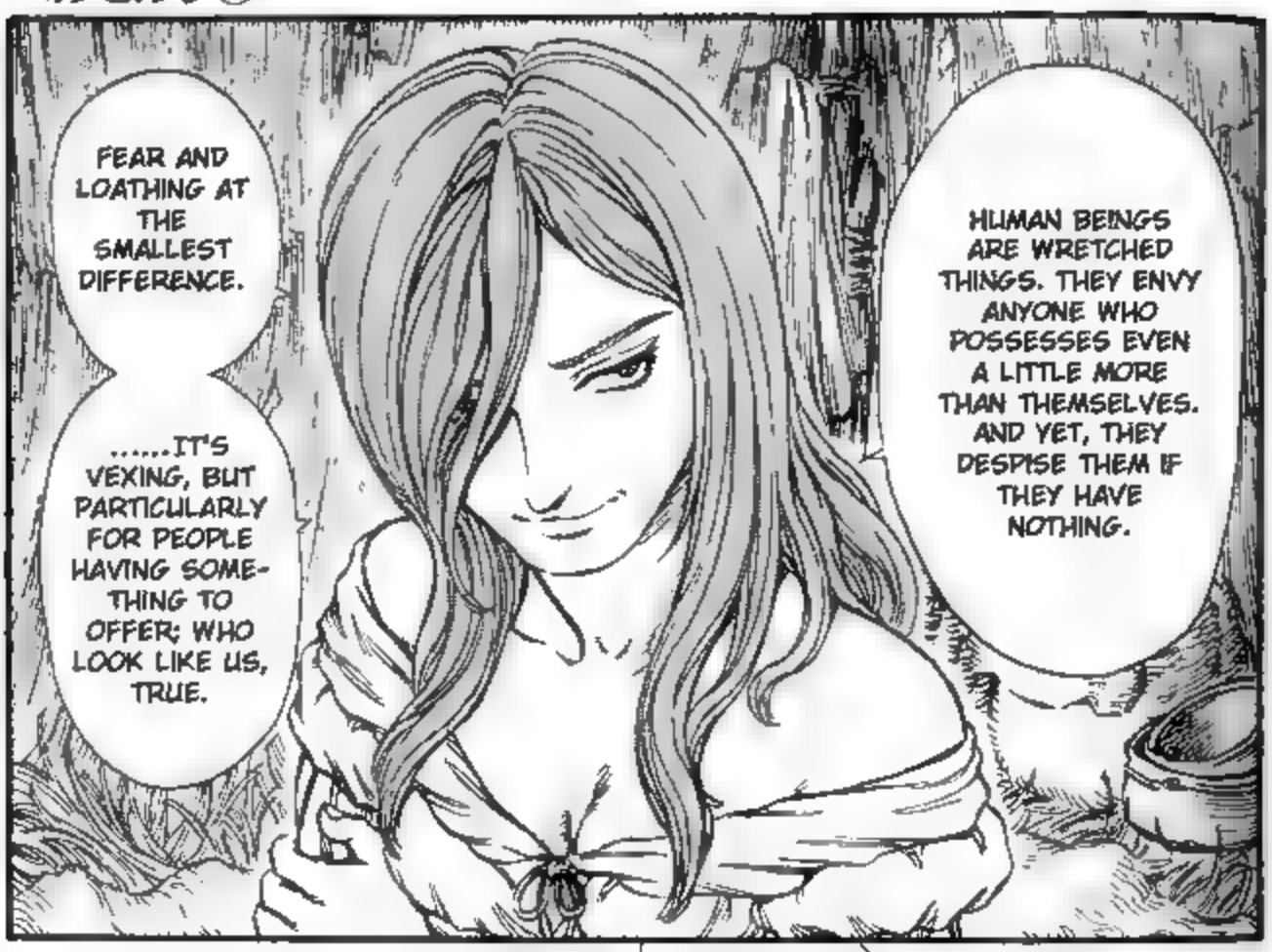
LISTEN WELL.
ALL RIGHT PEPE, FU-KE, LUCY.


I MADE UP MY MIND IN THE BEGINNING, TO DISTRIBUTE PROFITS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE EARNINGS OF ONE PERSON OR ANOTHER, EQUALLY BETWEEN EVERYONE
NATURALLY, I'LL ALSO GET THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE.


EVEN AT THE BEST OF TIMES, IT'S AN OCCUPATION THAT IS SHUNNED AND DESPISED BY SOCIETY.
WE ARE PROSTITUTES.

I'M TELLING YOU, TO CREATE SMOLDERING COALS OF JEALOUSY AND SUSPICION IN YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IS ABSURD.
EVEN UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DON'T BROADCAST YOUR FEELINGS TO OTHERS. EVEN IF YOU'RE BURNING TO DO SO.


IF THERE IS A WITCH, SHE'S BEEN BETRAYED. AND THAT IS NOT FUNNY.
UNDERSTAND? IT'S FOR SURVIVING HOW DANGEROUS IT IS.
BUT NOW WE'RE PLYING OUR TRADE RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF A WITCH HUNT, AREN'T WE?


FEAR AND LOATHING AT THE SMALLEST DIFFERENCE.
.....IT'S VEXING, BUT PARTICULARLY FOR PEOPLE HAVING SOMETHING TO OFFER; WHO LOOK LIKE US, TRUE.
HUMAN BEINGS ARE WRETCHED THINGS. THEY ENVY ANYONE WHO POSSESSES EVEN A LITTLE MORE THAN THEMSELVES. AND YET, THEY DESPISE THEM IF THEY HAVE NOTHING.

OK THEN!
NOW TO MAKE SURE THAT IT DOESN'T HAPPEN, WE'LL DO THINGS LIKE THIS EVERY-DAY.
BECAUSE A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST THAT IS NOT BACKED UP BY DEEDS IS NOT A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP, NOW IS IT.

ISN'T IT-
THAT'S NOT THE CASE .....
WE

THROW OUR LOT TOGETHER
TO SURVIVE HERE THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO.

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE DONE IN, DO YOU. GO RIGHT AWAY, AND BE LAVISH WITH THE 'COMPLIMENTS!'
WHAT DID I JUST SAY? DON'T BUY ENVY UNNECESSARILY; IT'S NOT WORTH IT. IN A WORLD SUCH AS THIS, THE GREATEST DANGER IS IN POSSESSING TOO MUCH.
YES M'AM.
THAT'S STRANGE, ONE'S MISSING ..
BUT WE DON'T NEED TO.
EH--- THEM AS WELL.
OK THEN, ALWAYS SHARE HALF THE PROCEEDS WITH THE NEIGHBORS.
1 2 3
THAT'S NO GOOD, IS IT. WE'D BETTER TIE THEM BACK ON MORE FIRMLY
UH
AH
PUT UP WITH THEM FOR ME, EVEN IF THEY'RE A LITTLE TIGHT.

TO CRAVING MEN, YOU'LL APPEAR PREY.
IF A BEAUTY SUCH AS YOURSELF STAGGERS ABOUT A PLACE LIKE THIS UNMASKED, ONE DAY SHE WON'T RETURN SAFE AND SOUND.
BUT I WON'T DO IT. I WON'T FORCE YOU BEFORE YOU'RE READY AND HAVE GIVEN YOUR ASSENT .....AS YOU TOO ARE A WOMAN, AREN'T YOU.
IF THAT TRULY IS THE CASE, I SHOULD HAVE YOU WORK FOR YOUR OWN UP KEEP.
AH YES YES, SIR. JUST A MINUTE,
LU-- CA--
IT APPEARS TO BE THERE FOR A REASON BUT.....
... BESIDES, THERE'S A MARK ON THIS GIRL'S BREAST.
... OK
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE'S MEALS AND OF ELEN, OK.
NINA, SINCE I'M ON A JOB,
I CAN'T TELL EVERYBODY ELSE ABOUT THIS, CAN I. EVEN IF IT IS A WITCH MARK, I MUSTN'T MAKE A FUSS.....

MORNING 'AND NIGHT, TAKE TWO MOUTH-FULS A DAY
I SPOKE TO MY DOCTOR-CLIENT ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM, AND HE GAVE ME THIS AS PAYMENT
AND THERE'S THIS.
LUCA ...
.... TH
THANK YOU,
WE'LL GO DOWN AND DRAW SOME WATER, AND THEN COME BACK
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"HERETIC"
!!
IT'S OK, THROW IT. QUICKLY!
THROW IT!
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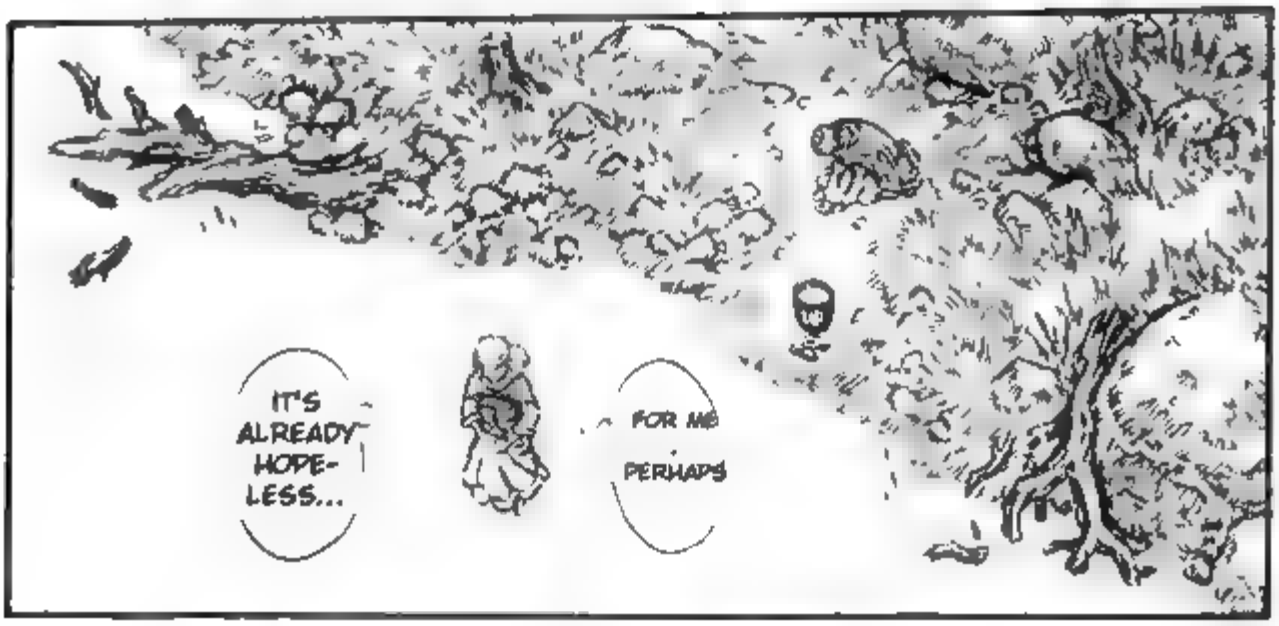
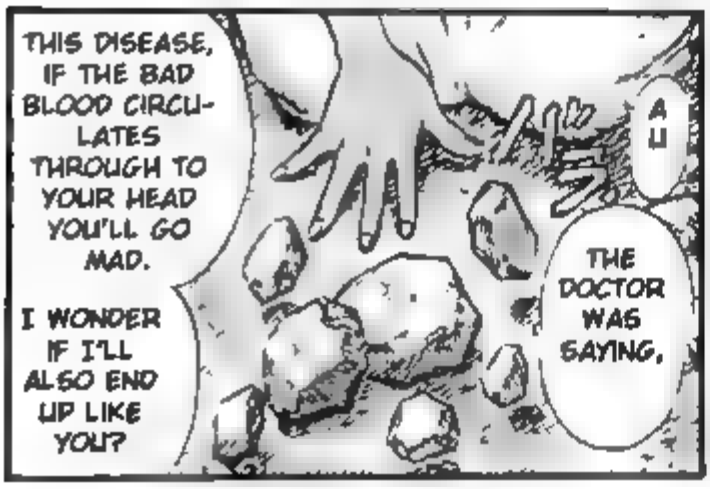
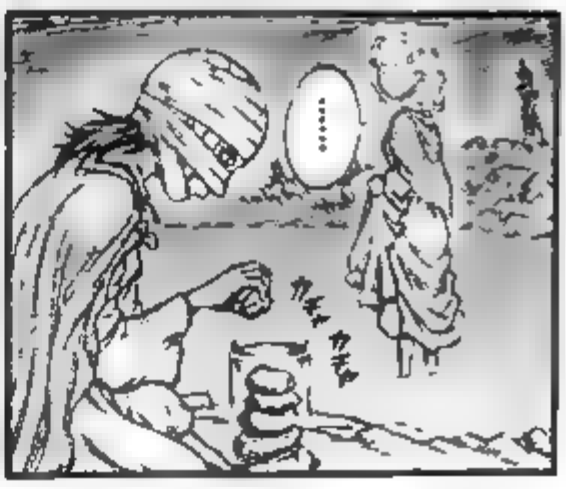
THE HAWK !!
AFTER SWEEPING AWAY THE BARBARIANS, HE WILL LEAD US TO A LAND OF PROSPERITY!!
THE HAWK SWOOPS.
THE FIRE GODDESS HAS SPOKEN.

IT'S A SHAME
NO, ELEN.
GET AWAY! IF WE'RE MISTAKEN FOR HERETICS WHAT THEN?
EVERYBODY YOU MUST NOT SOON FORGET
SHUT UP— OLD MAN!

PUS IS MINGLED WITH IT ALSO.
WHAT'S MORE, THE INSIDE OF MY MOUTH IS SWELLING AS WELL.
THE BLOOD WON'T STOP.


IT'S ALREADY HOPELESS...
FOR ME PERHAPS


THIS DISEASE, IF THE BAD BLOOD CIRCULATES THROUGH TO YOUR HEAD YOU'LL GO MAD.
I WONDER IF I'LL ALSO END UP LIKE YOU?
A LI
THE DOCTOR WAS SAYING,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THERE IS NO FEAR IS THERE?
ELEN
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FOR YOU,

HERE
.....
MOST OF THE DAY IS SWALLOWED UP BY THAT TOWER'S SHADOW, ISN'T IT...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A PLACE WHERE GOD EXISTS.
HOW CAN SUCH SOLEMN AND FEARFUL THOUGHTS
GAZE UPON IT.
I AM AFRAID ..
AFRAID ..
I'M AFRAID .....
AFRAID
AND I CAN'T BEAR IT ...
LUCA-

OF THIS WORLD,
AND OF GOD ...!!
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OF DIEING,
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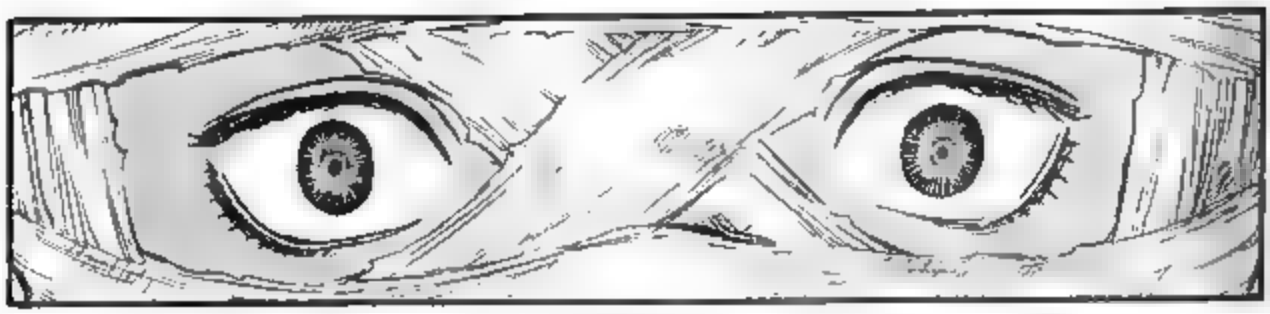
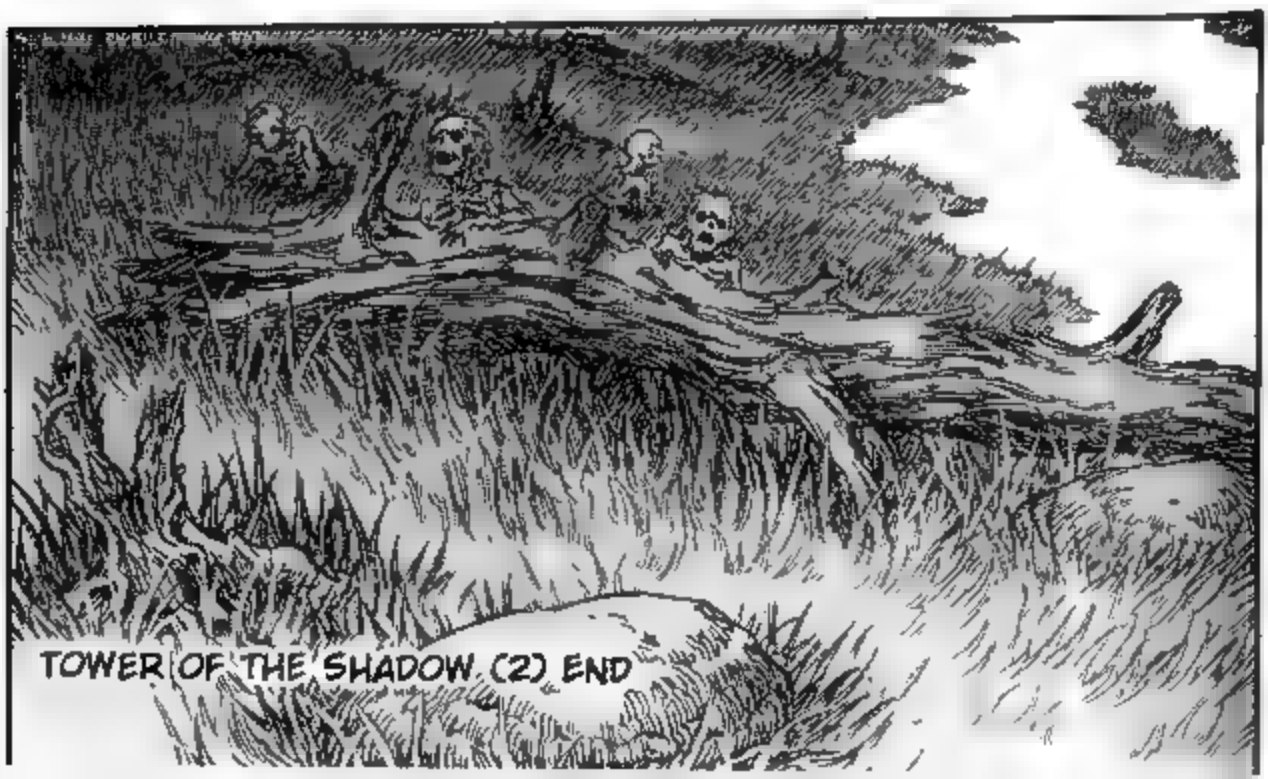
EVERY-THING,
I'M AFRAID ...
OF EVERY-THING,
AND I CAN'T BEAR IT ...

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THE BIRTH RITE
CHILDREN OF THE
SHADOW

COLD ..
SACRIFICE
CAN CHANGE ..
BODIES ..
THE WARM BODY ..... WHERE ..
A SACRIFICE ...
DESPITE THIS, WE CONTINUED TO PRAY
PAIN .
ALTHOUGH WE PRAYED .
PAIN .
I'M HUNGRY ...
GOD ...
WILL CURSE-
SACRIFICE

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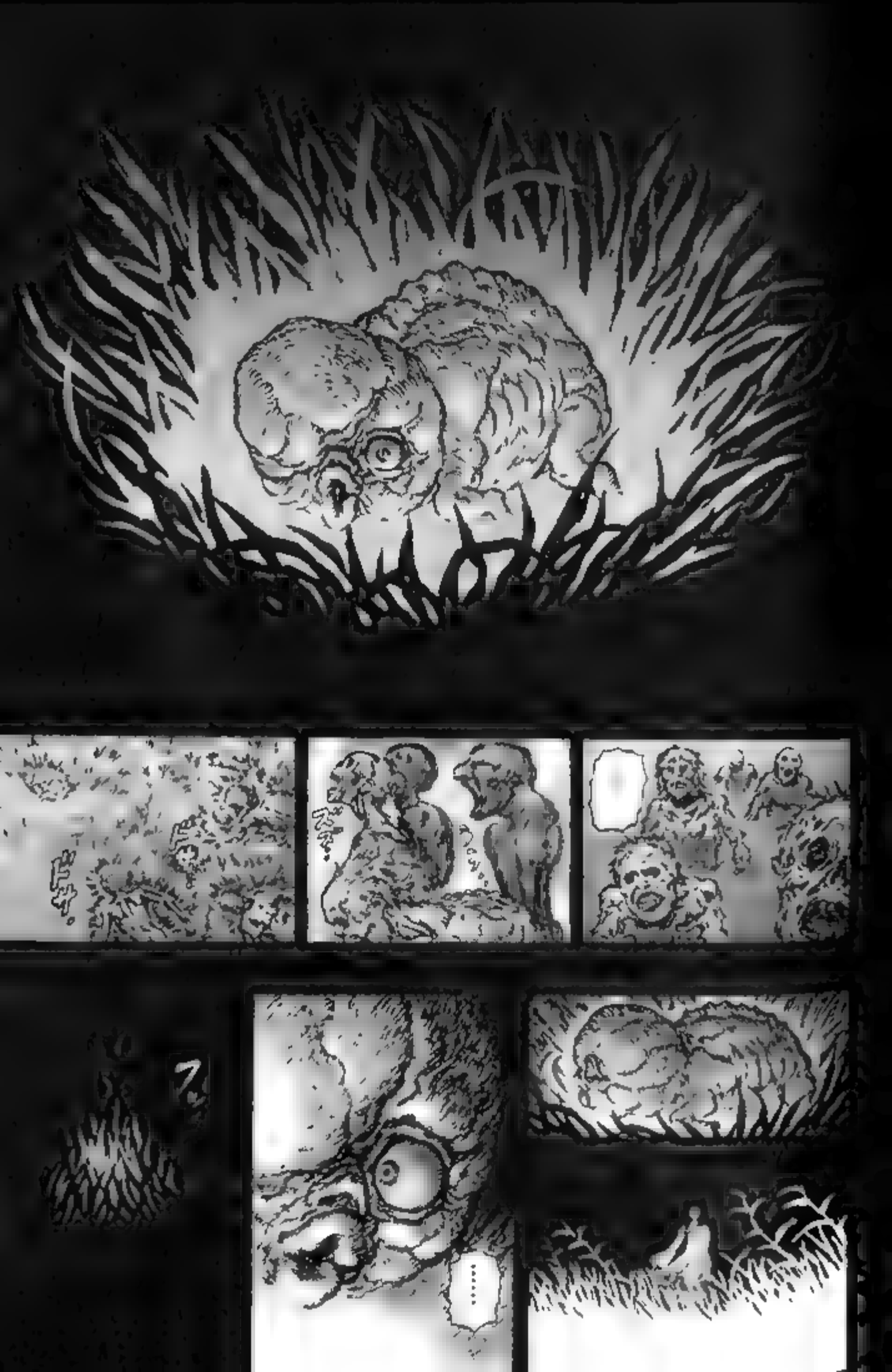
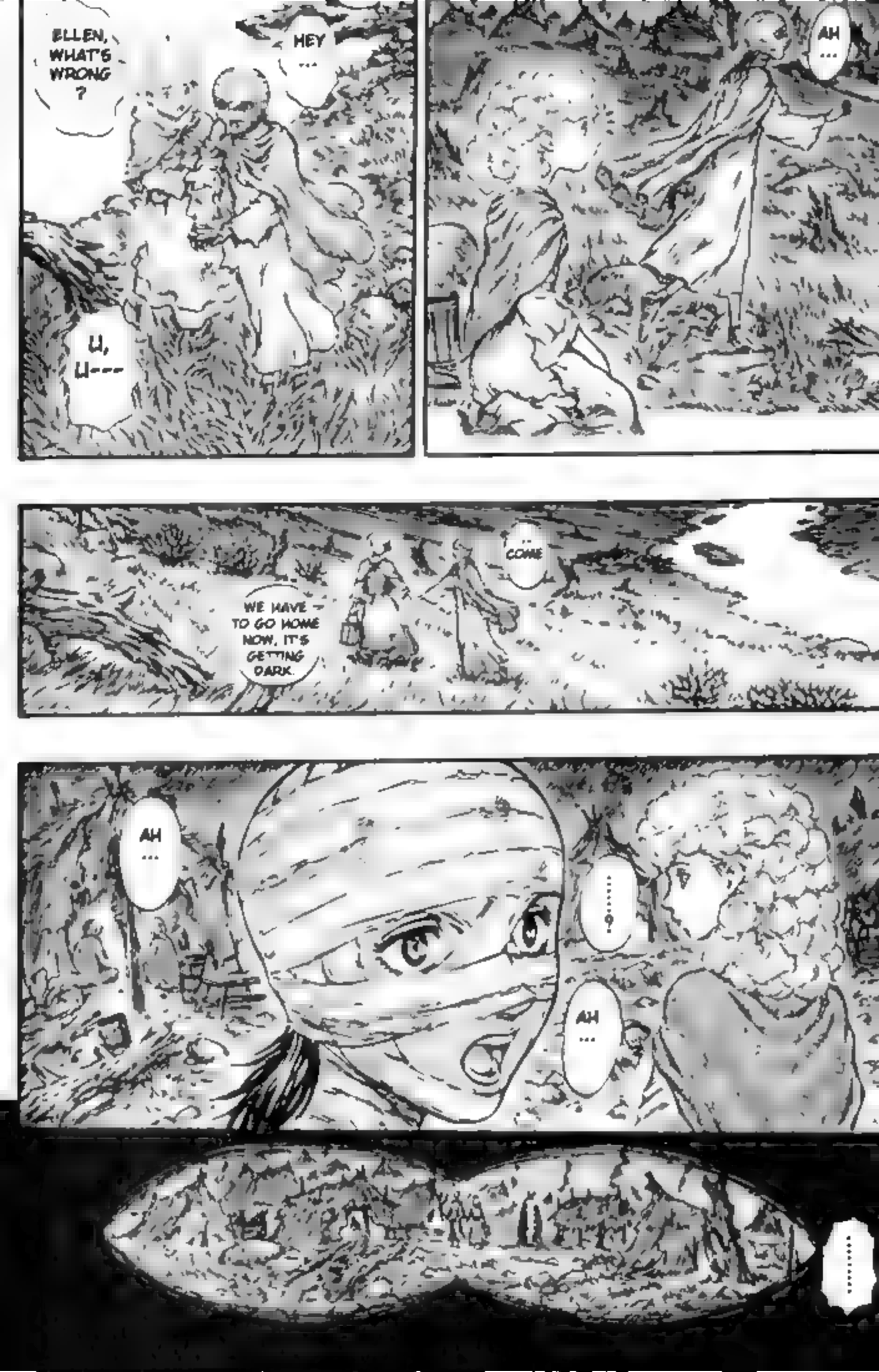
THE BODY




ELLEN, WHAT'S WRONG ?
HEY ...
U, U---
AH ...
... COME
WE HAVE TO GO HOME NOW, IT'S GETTING DARK.
AH ...
.....?
AH ...
.....

THE ALCOHOL'S NO GOOD
.....
GYAAAAA
THIS IS FUCKED
IF I HADN'T HEARD THOSE FUCKING ANNOYING SHRIEKS UP UNTIL DINNER-TIME, WOULD IT TASTE THE SAME
WHY ARE THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN HERE TO HELP MOZGUS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
AS IT IS, IT'S AS THOUGH WE WERE HIS PRIVATE ARMY, ISN'T IT
OUR COMMANDER.
PERHAPS THAT'S WHAT HE THINKS.
H-HEY ...
NO, THAT'S NOT IT. SHE'S TOTALLY ENTHRALLED BY THE FAITH.
IT'S AS IF SHE WAS PANDERING TO THAT MOZGUS.

EITHER THAT OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S A WOMAN?
SHIT! SHE HEARD
I AM ...
DREAD-FULLY SORRY.
PLEASE WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
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UWA
WHY IS THAT WORTHLESS FELLOW THE HERALD?
AH! I SEE, BY USING FLATTERY.
I'M SORRY
DON'T WASTE FOOD OVER TRIVIAL MATTERS.
... AT ANY RATE
THEY'VE INCREASED AGAIN.
THE REFU-GEES. WHAT HAS?
I'M SOME-TIMES AFRAID.
SOMETHING..... YOU CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT DAY BY DAY ALBION ABBEY IS BEING BESIEGED BY REFUGEES.
BUT THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS.
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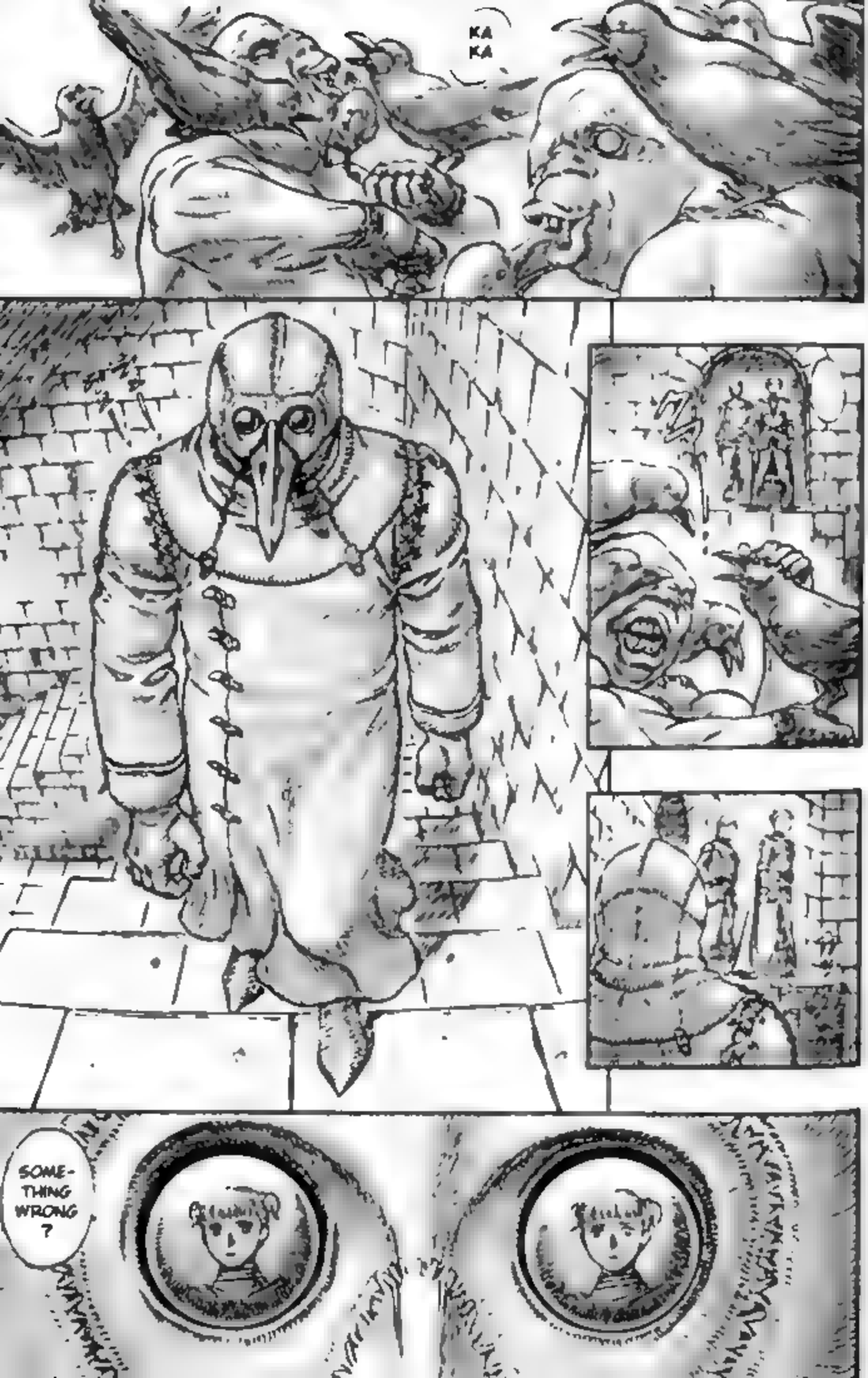
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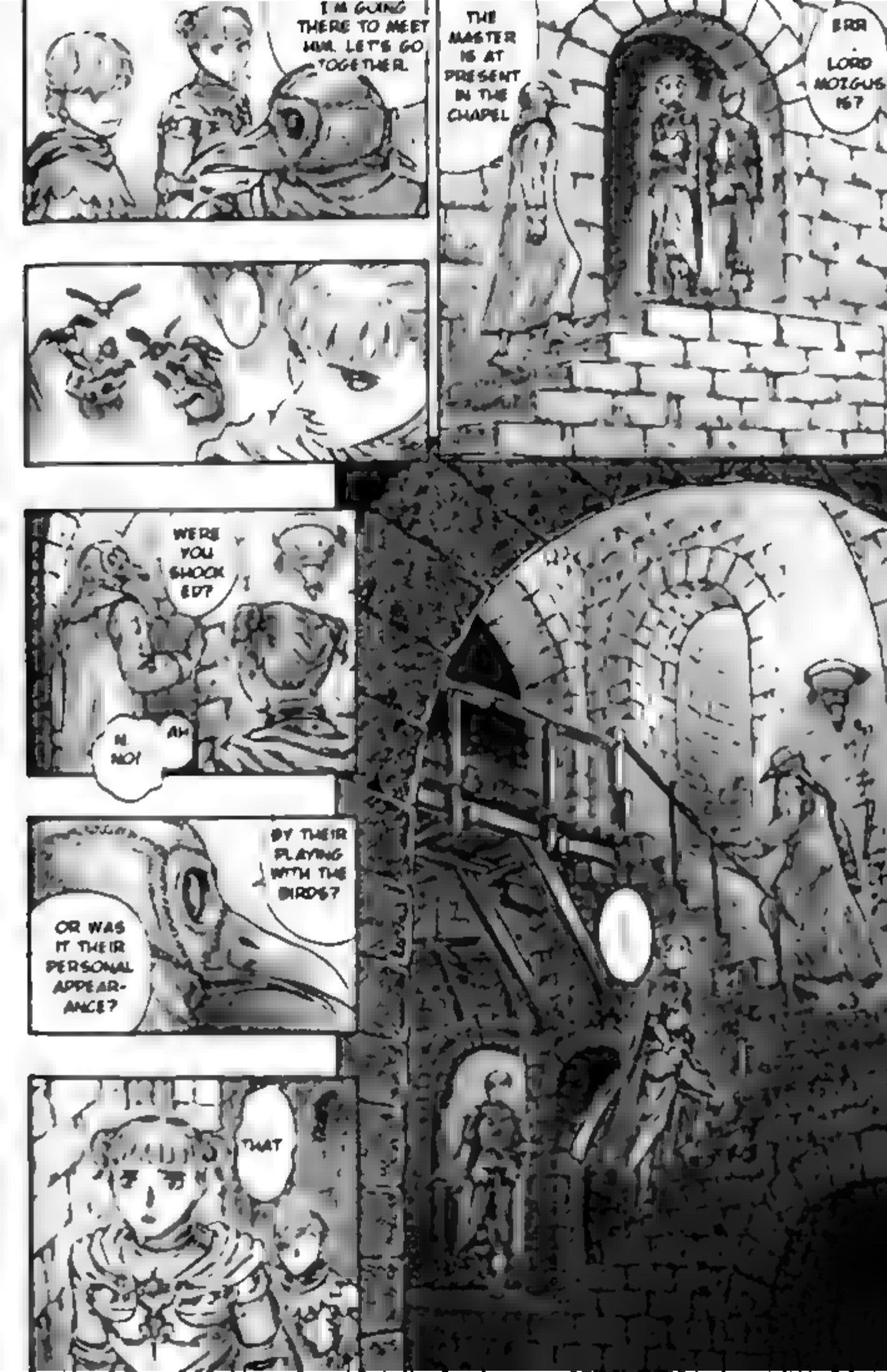

I'M GOING THERE TO MEET HIM. LET'S GO TOGETHER.
THE MASTER IS AT PRESENT IN THE CHAPEL
ERR LORD MOIGUS ISE?
WERE YOU SHOCKED?
AH NO!
BY THEIR PLAYING WITH THE BIRDS?
OR WAS IT THEIR PERSONAL APPEARANCE?
THAT

DRIVEN FROM TOWNS AND VILLAGES. SOLD TO FREAK SHOWS TO BE LOATHED AS ABOMINATIONS. LIVING HIDDEN AWAY AMONGST THE WOODS.
WE ALL SUFFERED SEVERE PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF OUR APPEARANCE.
THEY ARE BOON COMPANIONS
.....
!
PLEASE OBSERVE
HE LOOKS LIKE A NICE GUY

I BANISHED MYSELF FROM THE VILLAGE. I BANISHED MYSELF FROM THE SOCIETY OF MAN

HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF ONE BURNT, I WISHED NOT BE SEEN.

SOCIETY IS A CURSE, BUT ALONE, INSIDE THE BODY OF A WAYSIDE SIDE TREE, I WANTED TO DIE

MY BODY'S RESISTANCE IS ALSO WEAK. WITHOUT THIS MASK, I GUESS I'D SUCCUMB TO SERIOUS DISEASE WITHIN 3 DAYS.

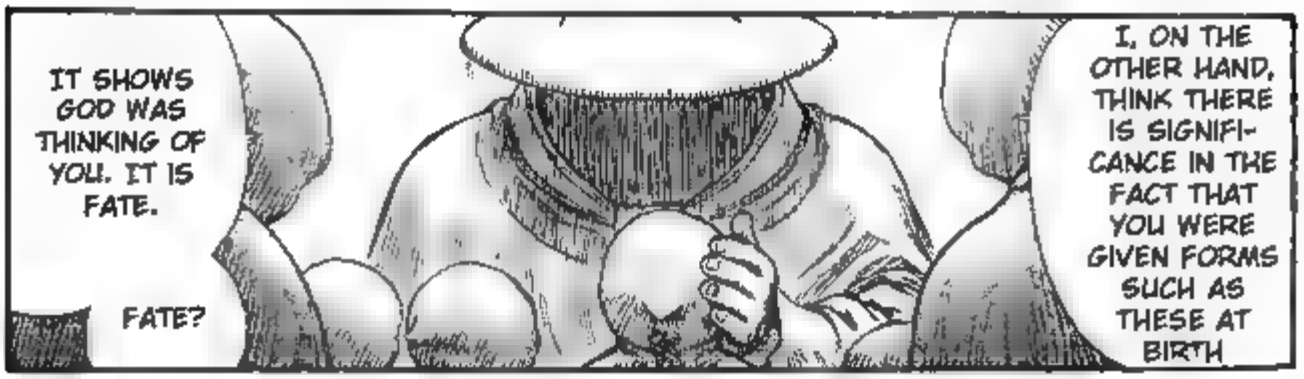
IT'S A STRANGE DISEASE I'VE HAD SINCE BIRTH. WHEN HIT BY SUN-LIGHT MY SKIN BECOMES INFLAMED, AND IN NO TIME AT ALL IT ENDS UP LOOKING MUCH LIKE A BURN.

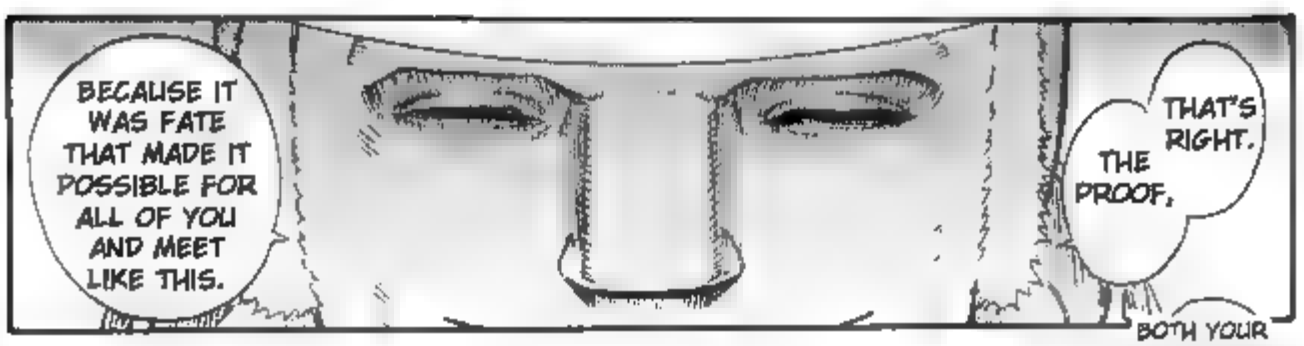
IT'S AT A TIME LIKE THAT, I HAPPENED TO ENCOUNTER LORD MOZGUS.

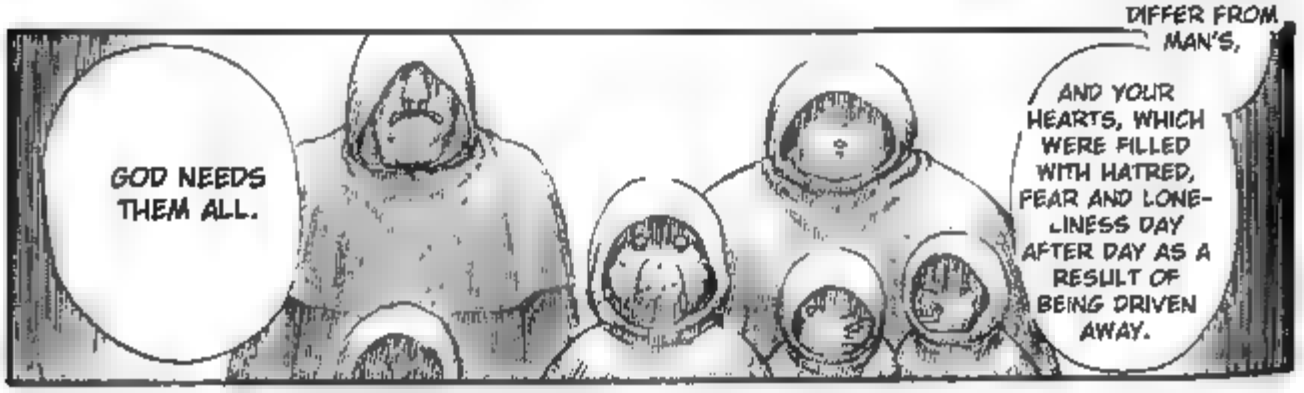
WITH THOSE WORDS, THE MASTER WRAPPED ME WITHIN HIS VESTMENTS; KINDLY OBSTRUCTING THE RAYS OF THE SUN.

GOD I GIVE THANKS FOR THIS MEETING AND FOR FATE.

LATER, STANDING BEFORE US, HE STATED,
PEOPLE MAY CALL YOU MONSTERS OR DEVILS.
BUT THAT IS A MISTAKE.
BECAUSE NO SENTENCE IN THESE SCRIPTURES CONDEMNS YOU TO THAT FATE, REGARDLESS OF YOUR APPEARANCE

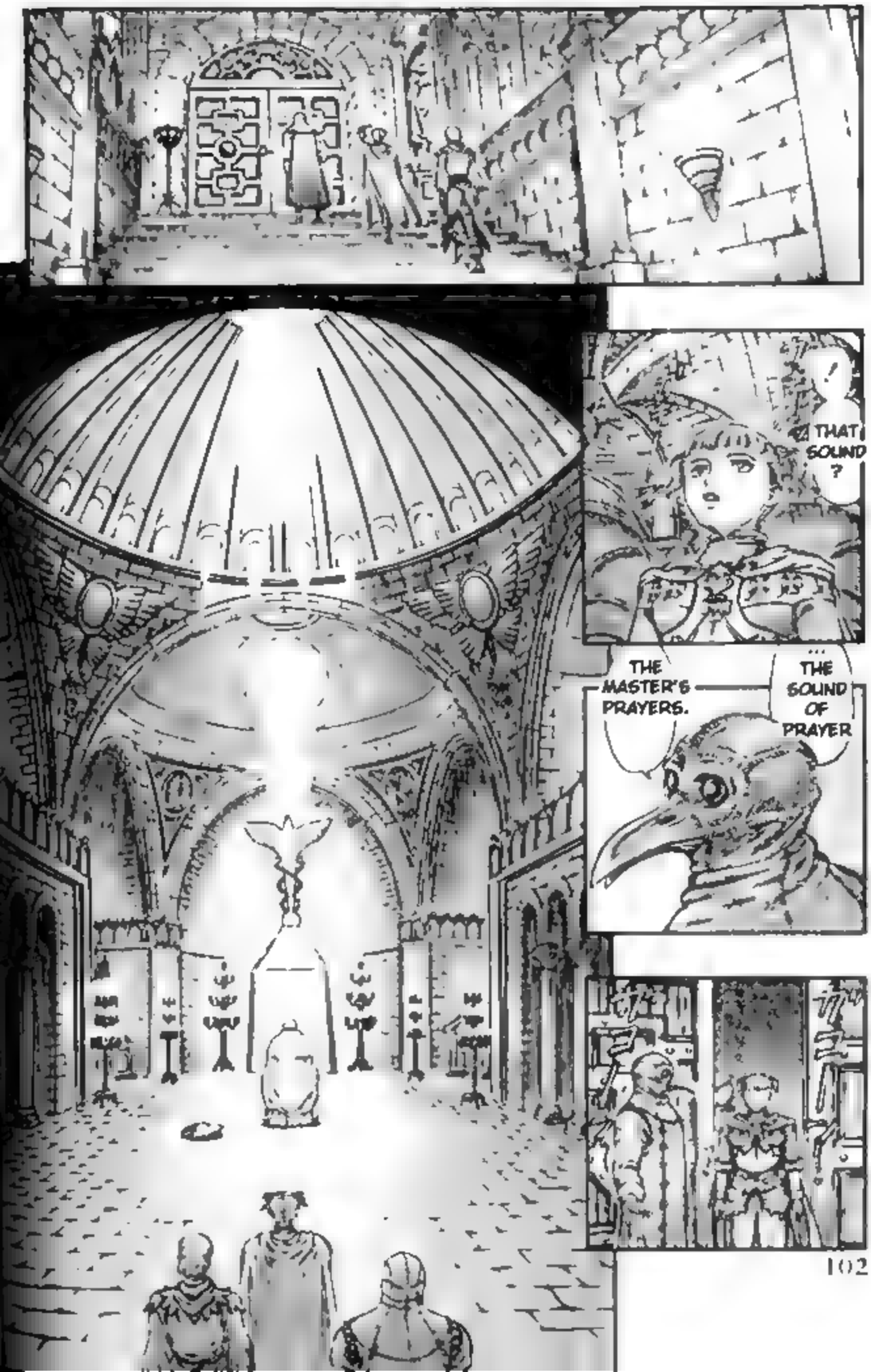

I, ON THE OTHER HAND, THINK THERE IS SIGNIFICANCE IN THE FACT THAT YOU WERE GIVEN FORMS SUCH AS THESE AT BIRTH
IT SHOWS GOD WAS THINKING OF YOU. IT IS FATE.
FATE?


THAT'S RIGHT.
THE PROOF,
BECAUSE IT WAS FATE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF YOU AND MEET LIKE THIS.


BOTH YOUR FORMS, WHICH DIFFER FROM MAN'S,
AND YOUR HEARTS, WHICH WERE FILLED WITH HATRED, FEAR AND LONELINESS DAY AFTER DAY AS A RESULT OF BEING DRIVEN AWAY.
GOD NEEDS THEM ALL.

AND HAVE FAITH.
HAVE PRIDE,
YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN. YOU ARE CHILDREN OF FATE.
ENOUGH TO MAKE A PERSON SHAKE.
... IT WAS A SHOCK.
IT WAS A MIRACLE.
YES ...
IF I WAS NEEDED BY GOD .....
EVERYBODY LOATHED ME AS I MONSTER. I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY BELIEVED IT MYSELF. ME, WHO BEHAVED AS MIGHT A GUTLESS CUR THAT HAD BEEN CEASE-LESSLY BEATEN,

I AM SO HAVE NO LOVE FOR THAT WHICH HARMS PEOPLE
I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK I HAVE BEEN BECAME A MONSTER...
WHICH IS SHUNNED HATED AND FEARED
...I HAVE NO LOVE FOR THIS BEING
MAYBE, IF THAT WERE THE CASE, I'D FACE A PERSON AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BEHAVE IN THAT MANNER
AND YET
I STILL HAVE DOUBT
THUS THE VATICAN DECLARED IN THE SCRIPTURES
AND WAS THINKING OF ME BECAME IT'S A SACRED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THAT SOUND ?
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THE SOUND OF PRAYER
THE MASTER'S PRAYERS.

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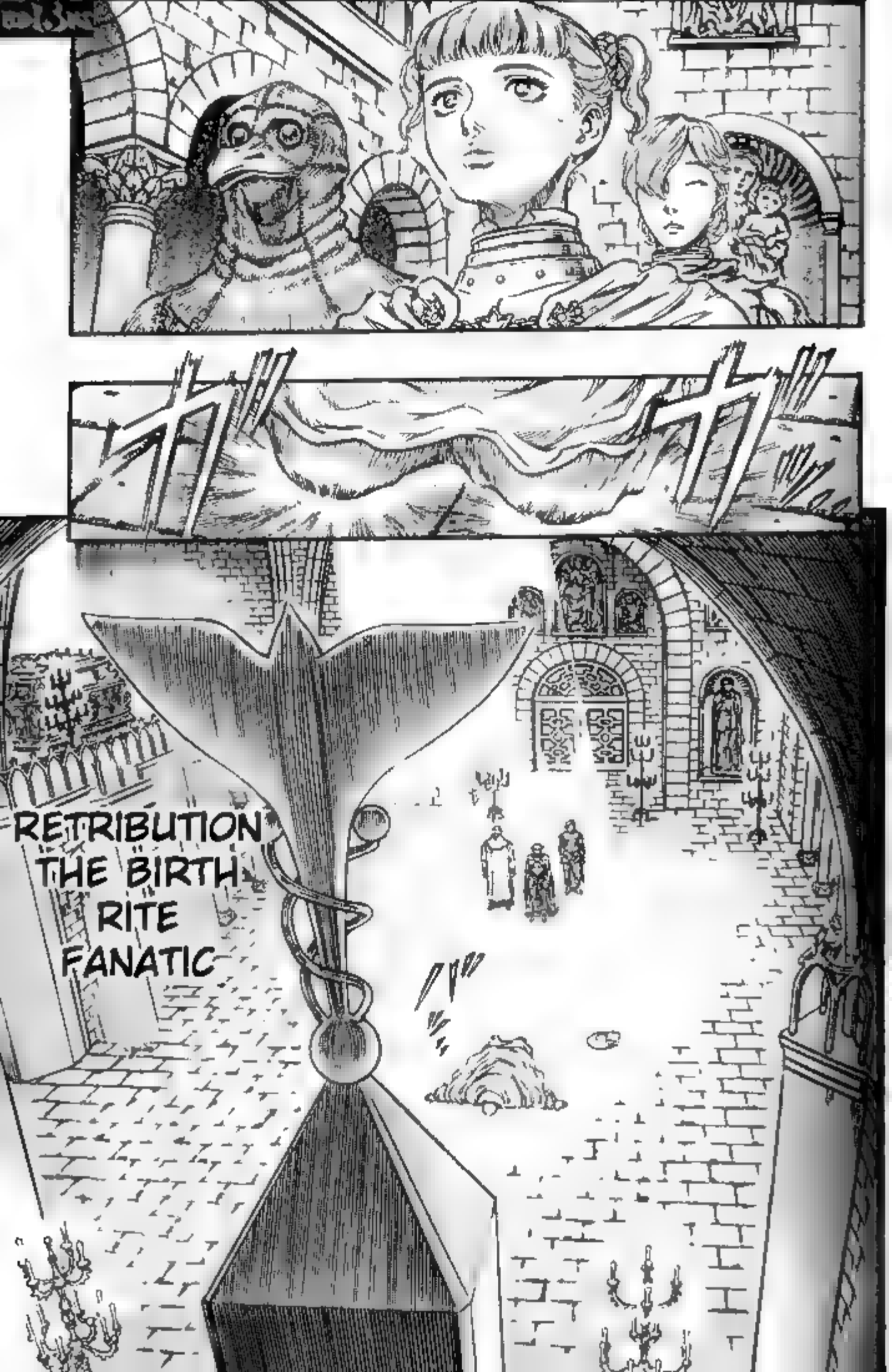
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THE BIRTH
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IN THE MORNING AND AGAIN IN THE EVENING.
LORD MOZGUS DOES IT 1000 TIMES A DAY
THE BOWING CERE-MONY.
THAT IS ...?
A DAY HAS NOT PASSED IN WHICH LORD MOZGUS HAS NOT PERFORMED THAT PRAYER.
TO ABANDON ONE'S SELF TO GOD. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, OVER THESE LAST 10 YEARS,

LORD MOZGUS.
WHY HERE'S LADY FARNEZE.
HE SEEMS TO HAVE FINISHED.
IS THIS THE SECRET BEHIND THAT FACE.
.....
LORD MOZGUS, YOU'RE BLEEDING ...
AAH
I WAS NOT AWARE OF THE BLEEDING; I ALMOST HAVE NO FEELING IN MY LEGS.
FOR THIS, EXCUSE ME.
IN THIS TOWER A WISE MAN WAS ONCE IMPRISONED BY GAISERIC THE CONQUEROR.
THEY SAY THAT IN THE MIDST OF ALL KINDS OF TORTURE HE CONTINUED TO IMPLORE GOD TO PUNISH THE CRIMES OF THE KING, UNTIL FINALLY SOME ANGELS APPEARED.
SACRED GROUND CERTAINLY MAKES FOR MIRACLES.
SOMEONE ONCE SAID, FOR WORSHIP, AS WELL AS STRENGTH, LET ME HAVE SECLUSION.
THANK YOU
.....

AND YET I CHERISH THIS PAIN.
AND I'M NO LONGER SUITED TO RUNNING.
BECAUSE OF THESE INJURIES, I CAN BARELY WALK.....
IN FEW MOMENTS THE FEELING WILL RETURN, ALONG WITH THE PAIN.
MY SACRED DUTY IS TO EXECUTE THE LAWS OF GOD, WHO CAN BE SEVERE. I ALSO HAVE TO MAKE PEOPLE SUFFER LOTS OF PAIN, WHICH MAKES ME SAD.
OF COURSE, I DO NOT HAVE A GUILTY CONSCIENCE
MAN IS OBLIVIOUS OF THAT WHICH EXISTS WITHIN HIMSELF.
BUT A MAN WILL ONLY UNDERSTAND THAT THROUGH THE GRACE OF GOD.
MORE SO, IF THE PERSON IN QUESTION IS OF THE SAME GENERAL DISPOSITION AS MYSELF.
THIS INJURY IS A WARNING TO MYSELF. IT IS PROOF OF MY BELIEF IN GOD.
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EH?
IS THERE SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU, IS THAT WHY YOU'RE HERE?
I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD LISTEN
WHAT I HAVE TO SAY,
IF SO, WE CAN BE ALONE .....
IF YOU'RE BEING EVASIVE, IS IT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO MAKE A CONFESSION?
NO, THAT'S NOT NECESSARY
TO ME ...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT,
THIS TASK.
WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH, AND HOW CAN IT SAVE THE PEOPLE
WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT THE PRIEST MURDERS HAVE STOPPED
DESPITE THE ARREST OF NUMEROUS SUSPECTS,
I AM ASHAMED TO ADMIT THIS, BUT EVEN WITHIN THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN THERE ARE NOT A FEW VOICING DISAPPROVAL FOR THIS TASK
THAT'S NOT ALL.
WORD HAS COME TO US OF THE MASSES SEETHING WITH MALICE ...
IN THIS INSTANCE, THERE'S TOO MUCH FEAR ABOUT FOR IT TO BE JUST A JOKE. AND, IT'S NOT SOLELY DUE TO EMOTIONAL EXHAUSTION EITHER...
BUT ...
I TRY TO LAUGH AT THE NOVICE'S JOKE.

.....
IN ANCIENT TIMES THERE WAS A HOLY WOMAN WHO DEDICATED HER LIFE TO THE AID OF THE POOR.
SHE NEVER TURNED HER BACK ON ANYBODY WHO HAD BEEN THROWN FROM THE SOCIETY OF MAN, WHETHER DUE TO PLAGUE, DESTITUTION OR SIMILAR MATTERS. UNTIL THE HOUR THAT THEY WERE SUMMONED TO APPEAR BEFORE GOD, THE DIEING WERE EACH TUCKED UNDER BLANKETS AND AT PEACE. IT IS SAID THAT SHE WOULD GATHER EACH IN TURN TO HER BREAST AND HOLD THEM LIKE A MOTHER.
ONCE SHE DISCOVERED AN OLD MAN WHO HAD BECOME SO THIN AND WORN OUT THAT HE HAD FELL DIEING BY THE ROAD-SIDE
AS ALWAYS, SHE GATHERED THE MAN TO HER BREAST AND HELD HIM.
"PLEASE, THIS SUBLIME MOMENT TO BE. PLEASE DO NOT DISHONOR THE HOUR OF MY DEATH WITH YOUR WARMTH."
. BUT IT WAS HE WHO SPOKE FIRST. HE SAID, "I WHO NOW WASTE AWAY BY A PATHWAY LIKE THIS, I WOULD APPROACH NO ONE. THIS IS PROOF OF MY HAVING SPENT A PROUD EXISTENCE IN ISOLATION."

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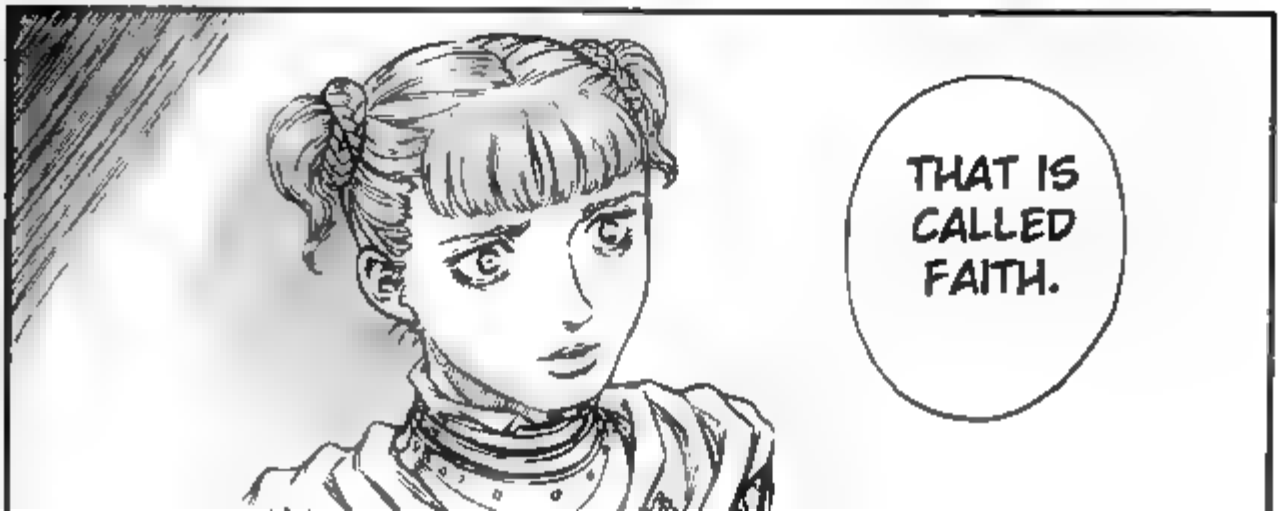
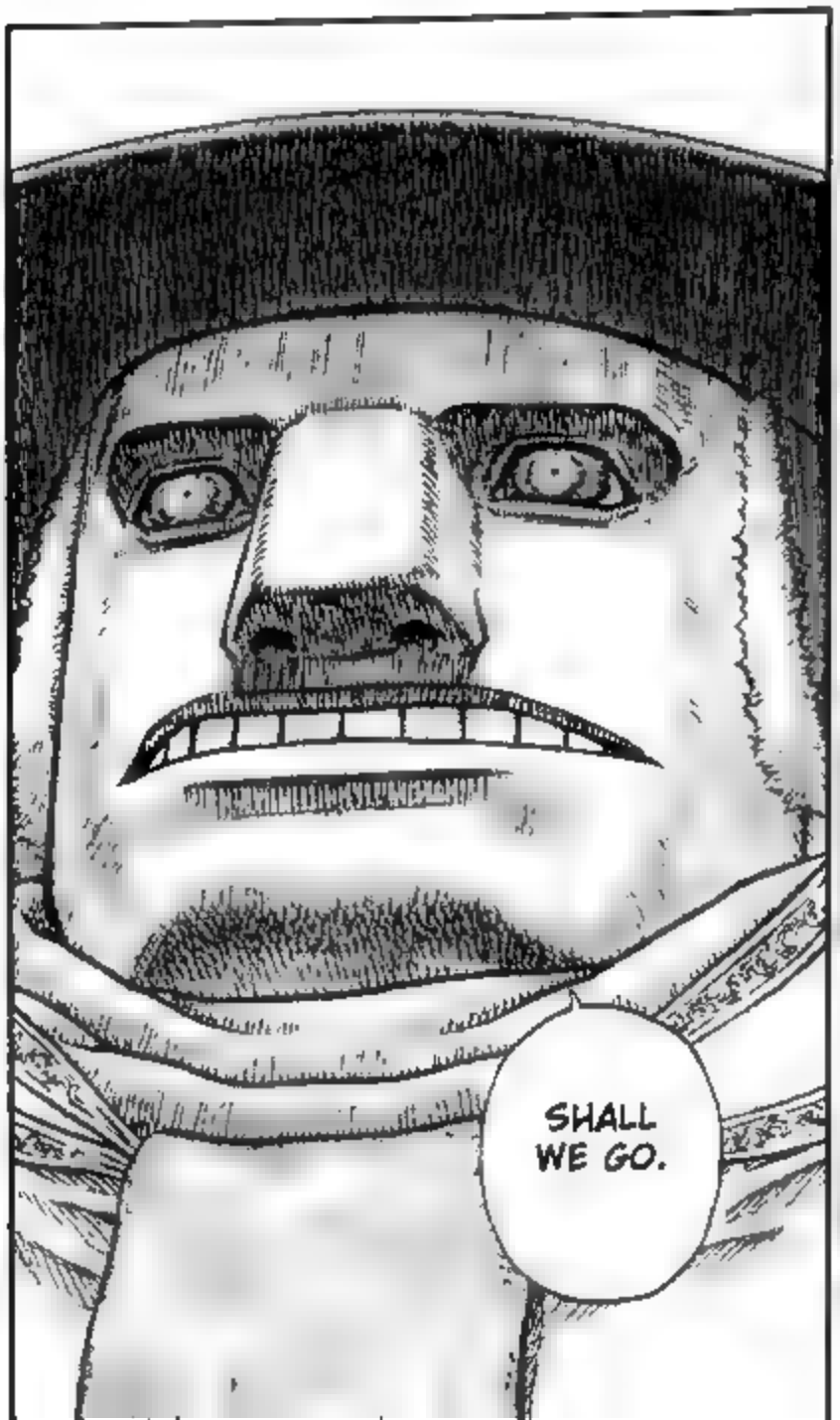
GOD.
SOLELY FOR THE GOOD OF GOD.
IT IS FOR GOD THAT WE PROCEED
WHAT IS SUFFICE FOR A MAN TO SAVE HIM, I DO NOT KNOW.
THAT PERHAPS IS BEST LEFT IN THE HANDS OF GOD.
NOW THEN, WHAT IS TO BE THE STANDARD BY WHICH WE MEASURE ONE'S CONDUCT AND THAT OF OTHERS. IT IS NOT WITHIN MAN. THE ANSWER IS WITHIN THESE PAGES.

BE NOT DISHEARTENED BY THE PEOPLE'S MISUNDERSTANDING.
BE NOT AFRAID OF A PERSON'S DEATH, NOR OF ONE'S OWN DEATH.
BE NOT DISHEARTENED BY A DIFFICULT TASK.
BE NOT COVETOUS OF REWARD FOR ONE'S OWN GAIN.

LET ME SHED THE BLOOD OF THE FLESH AND THE MIND SO LONG AS I GO ON LIVING(SOLELY FOR THE GOOD OF GOD
AS A HUMAN BEING,
BE NOT SUSPICIOUS OF GOD.


THAT IS CALLED FAITH.

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.


SHALL WE GO.

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AAH
MASTER, WE MUST RETURN SOON.

WELL THEN

THERE'S SOMETHING NOT QUITE RIGHT HERE. BUT, HIS ARGUMENT WAS FAULTLESS.
YES
WE MUST BE GOING AS WELL.
GOD
IT IS FOR GOD THAT WE PROCEED.
SOLELY FOR THE GOOD OF GOD.

THIS PLACE HAS IMPROVED FOR THE

THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU'LL COVER YOURSELF IN MUD!
OH!
HEY! ELEN!
NINA ...
JOACHIM ...
UM.. WELL

IS IT ABOUT MY HEALTH ...
...
WHAT IS IT THEN?
IF IT'S ABOUT WORK, YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK ONE OF THE OTHER GIRLS. I'M HAVING A REST.
UMM ..
NO
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?
OR ...
SIR
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO SAY YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME?
YOU KNOW AND
...!
...!
NO ...
NOT MY ...
INTEN-TION ...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, JUST GO AND FUCK SOMEONE, OK!!
EVEN IF YOU SWEET TALK ME,
WHY DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
I STILL CAN'T SERVICE YOU.
ONLY ..
WORRY ABOUT YOU.

!
NO
AH
I ...
TONIGHT, AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, COME TO THE RIVER'S EDGE
IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING A RACKET ALL MORNING ..
NINA, WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
!
HEY, NINA?
NOTHING'S WRONG!

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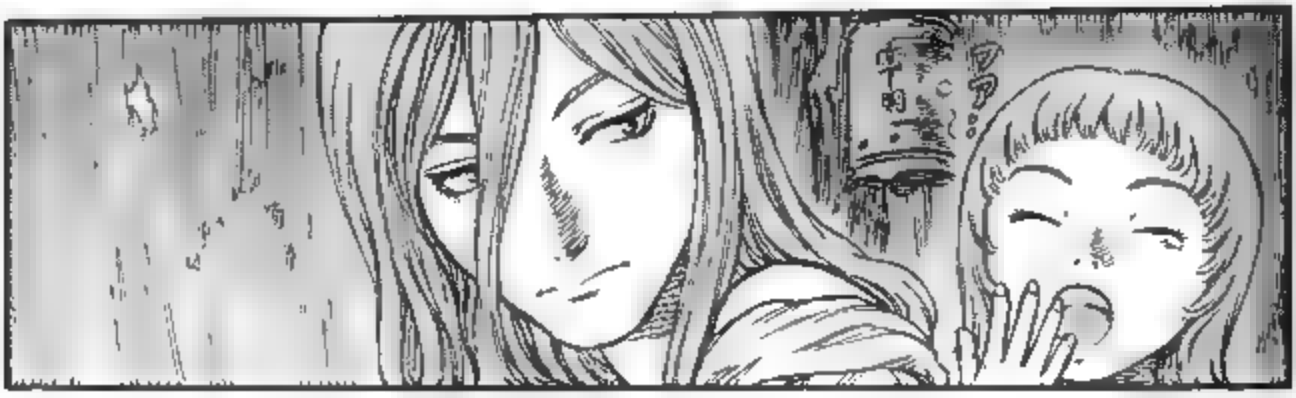
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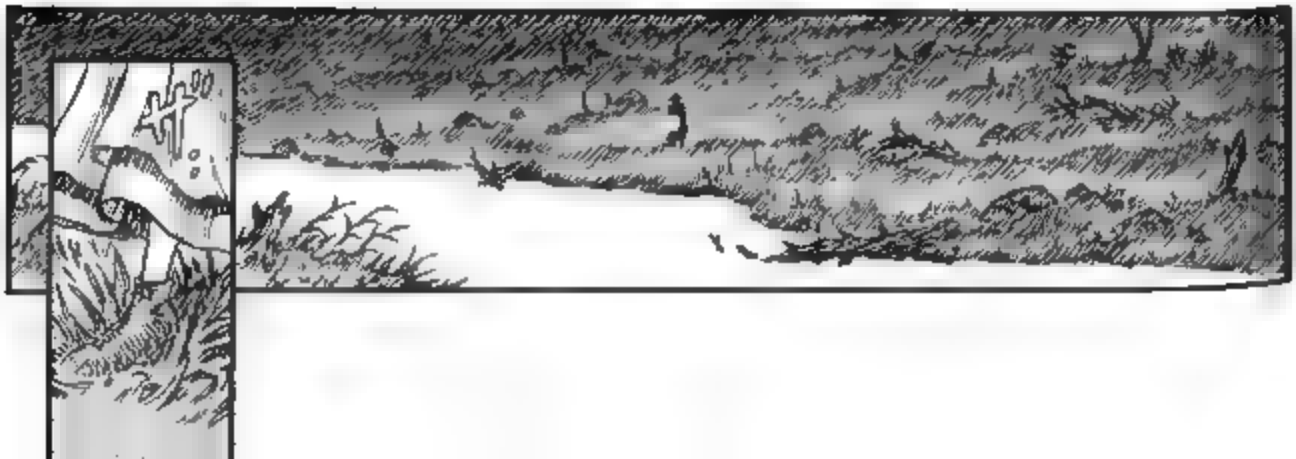
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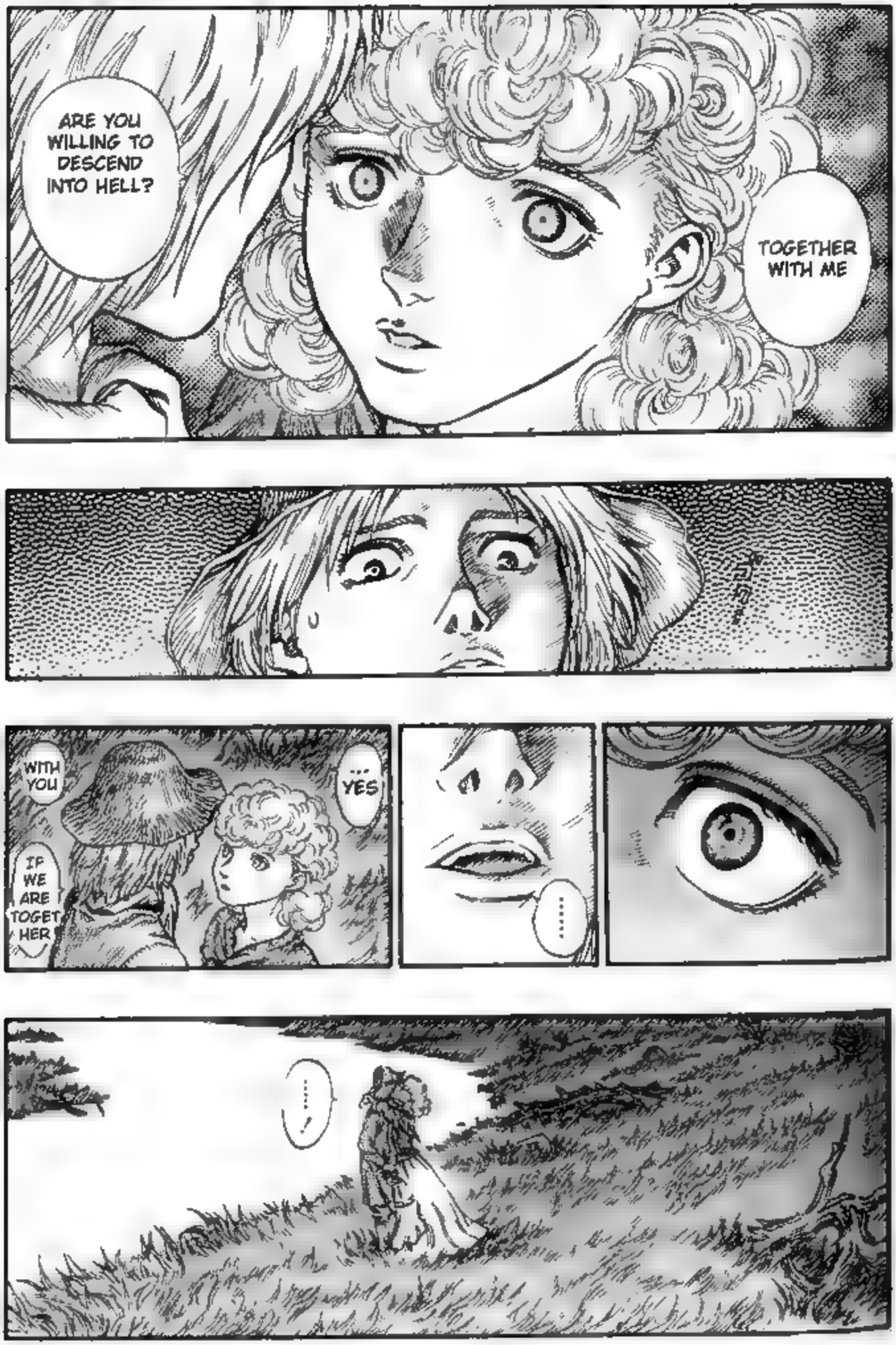
DO YOU LOVE ME?
AH AH I DO
TO BE TOGETHER


ARE YOU WILLING TO DESCEND INTO HELL?
TOGETHER WITH ME
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WITH YOU
IF WE ARE TOGETHER
...YES
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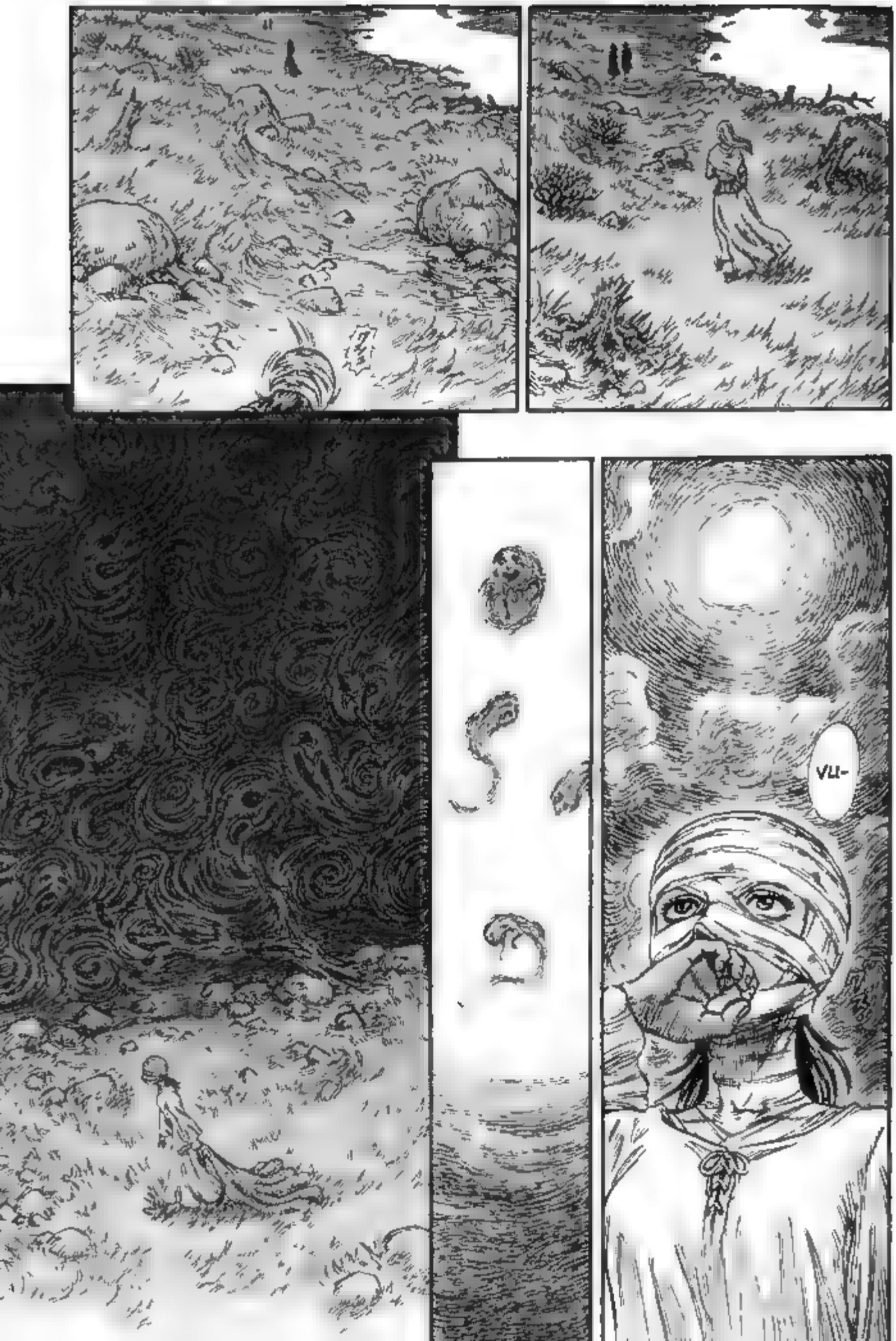
AT WORLD'S END
A PLACE SACRED TO A DREADFUL DEITY

SHE CAN'T BE-
THAT GIRL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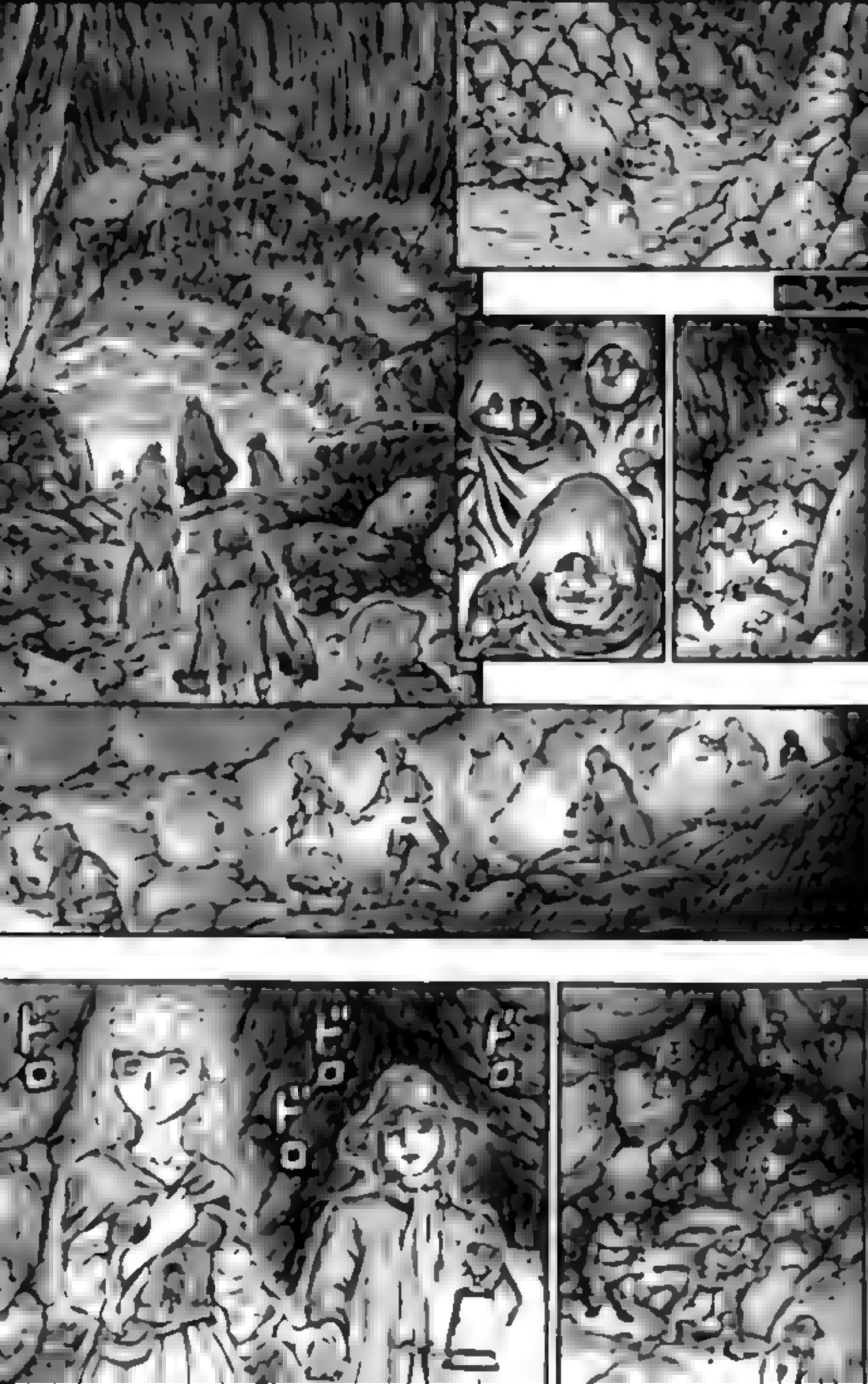
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RETRIBUTION
THE BIRTH RITE
THE INNER SANCTUM

OF HUMAN BEINGS THERE ARE NAUGHT IN THE FORMLESS VASTNESS.

OUT OF ANXIETY. OUT OF STRESS

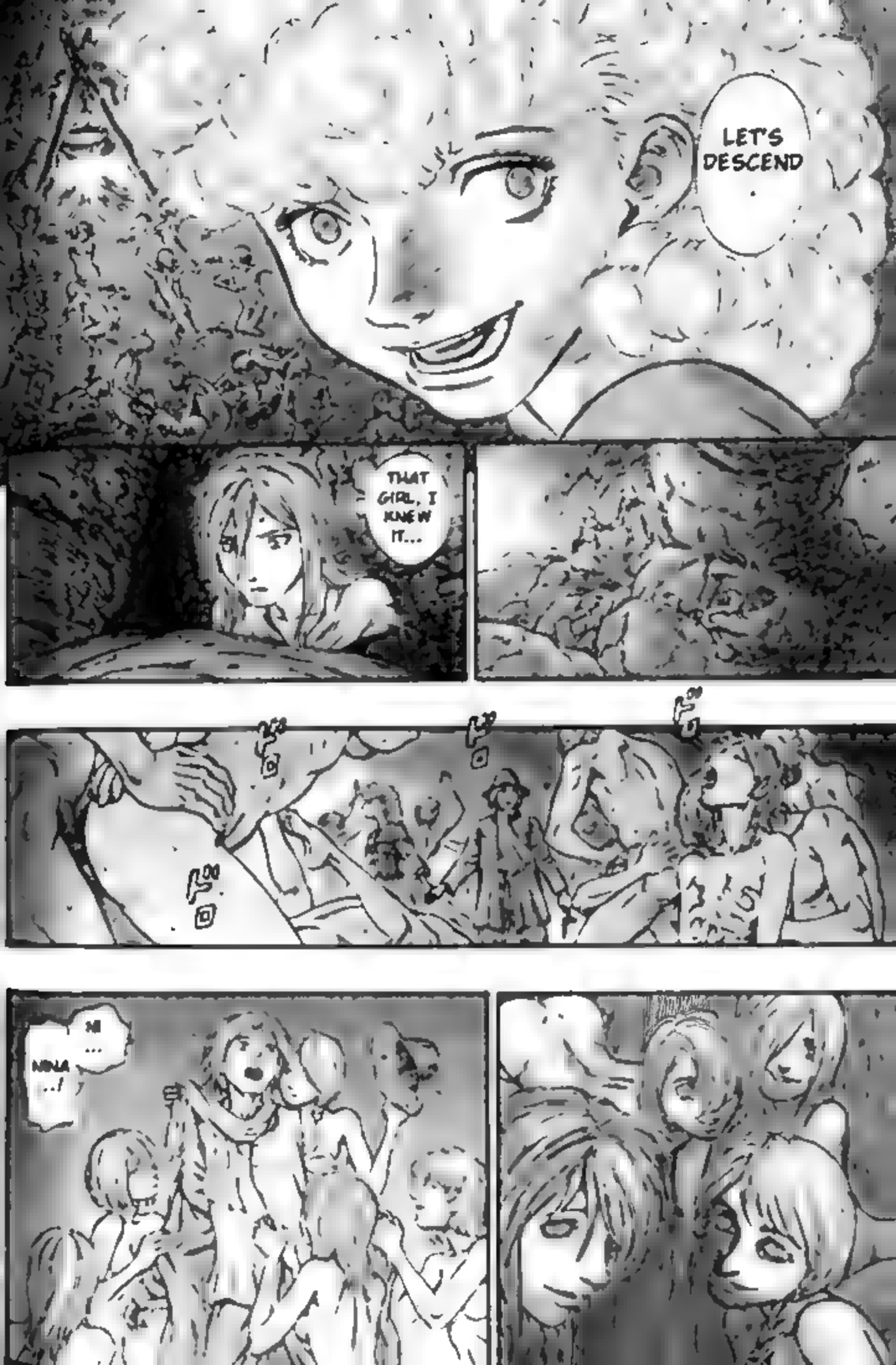
BUT, THERE IS CERTAINLY LIFE;

A HEAVING SEA OF FLESH

AT THE BASE OF THE CAVERN

IS THAT WHICH IS KNOWN AS SIN.

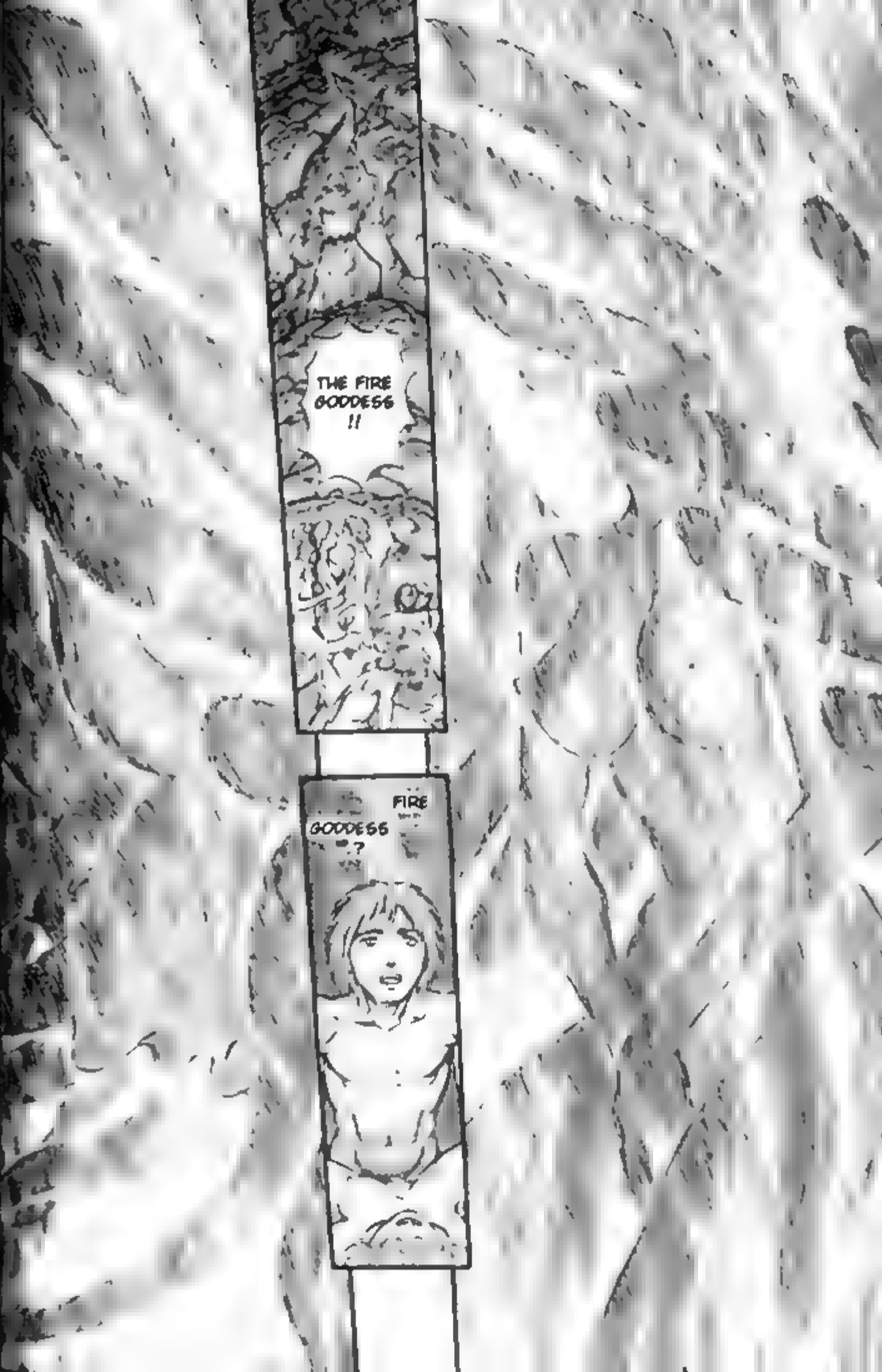
MM...
COME.

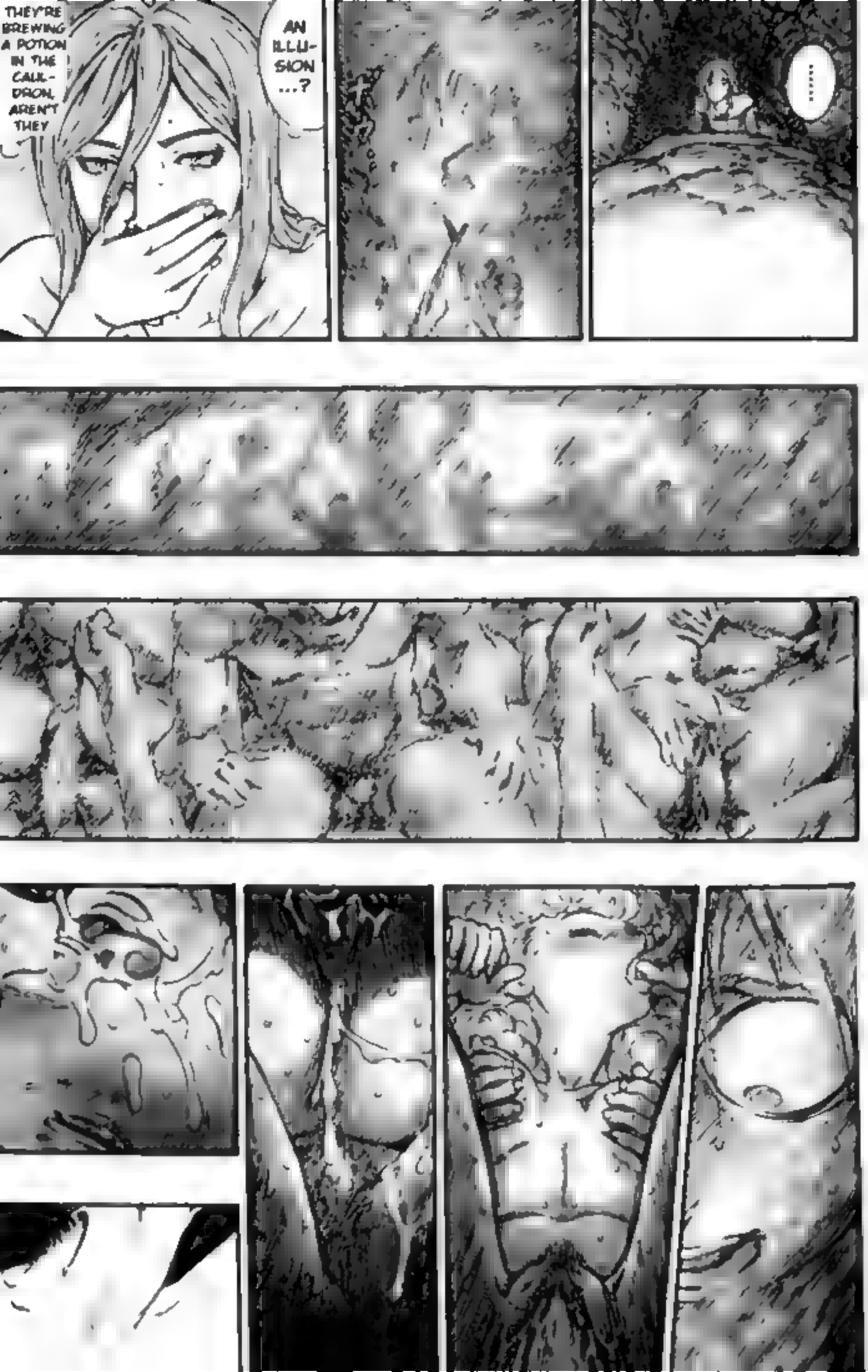

LET'S DESCEND
THAT GIRL, I KNEW IT...
MI ... NINJA ...!

COME
LET US FLYAWAY TOGETHER
.....

...WHAT IS THIS SALVE?

!
AN ILLU-SION ...?


THE FIRE GODDESS !!
FIRE GODDESS ?


THEY'RE BREWING A POTION IN THE CAULDRON, AREN'T THEY
AN ILLUSION ...?
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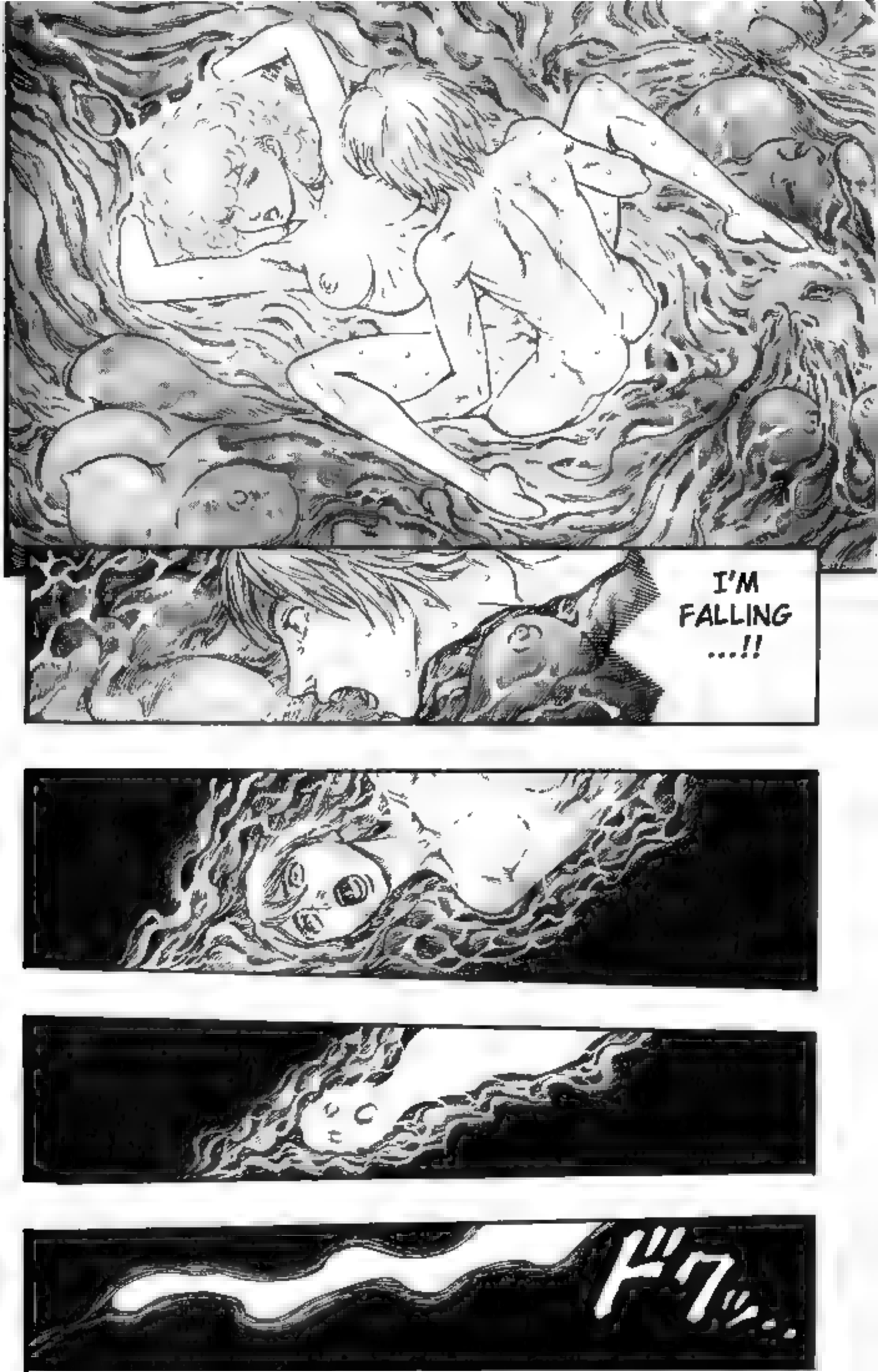
I'M FALLING ...!!
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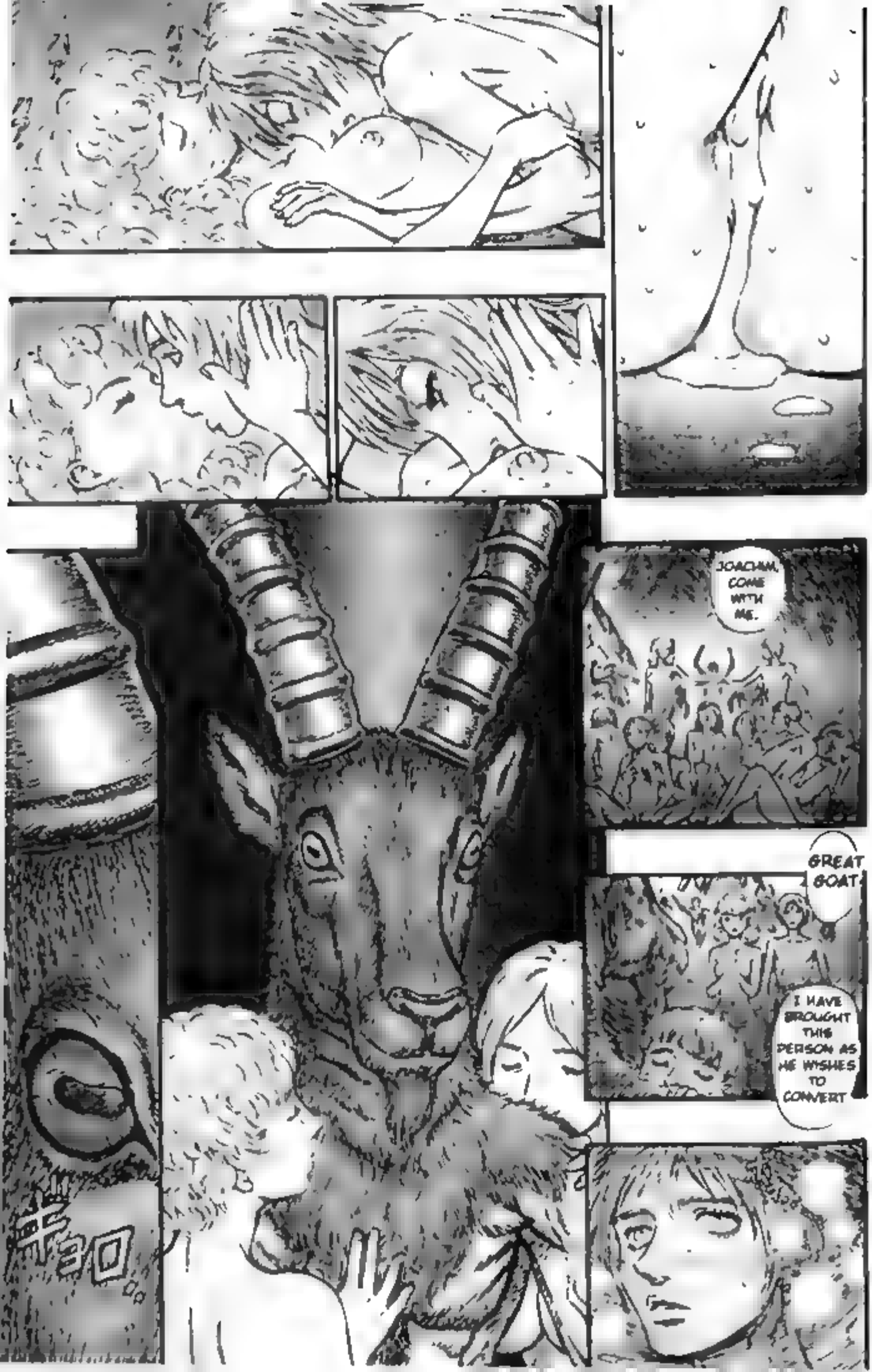
JOACHIM, COME WITH ME.
GREAT GOAT
I HAVE BROUGHT THIS PERSON AS HE WISHES TO CONVERT

NOW, KISS GREAT GOAT'S HEART AND PHALLUS.
.....
FROM THIS DAY YOU SHALL SPEAK NOTHING BUT ILL OF GOD
.....
COME, THIS IS THE LAST TEST.
UUUUU...

DRINK THIS, THEN YOU SHALL BE ONE OF US.
JOACHIM!?
GE...!!
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JOACHIM !!
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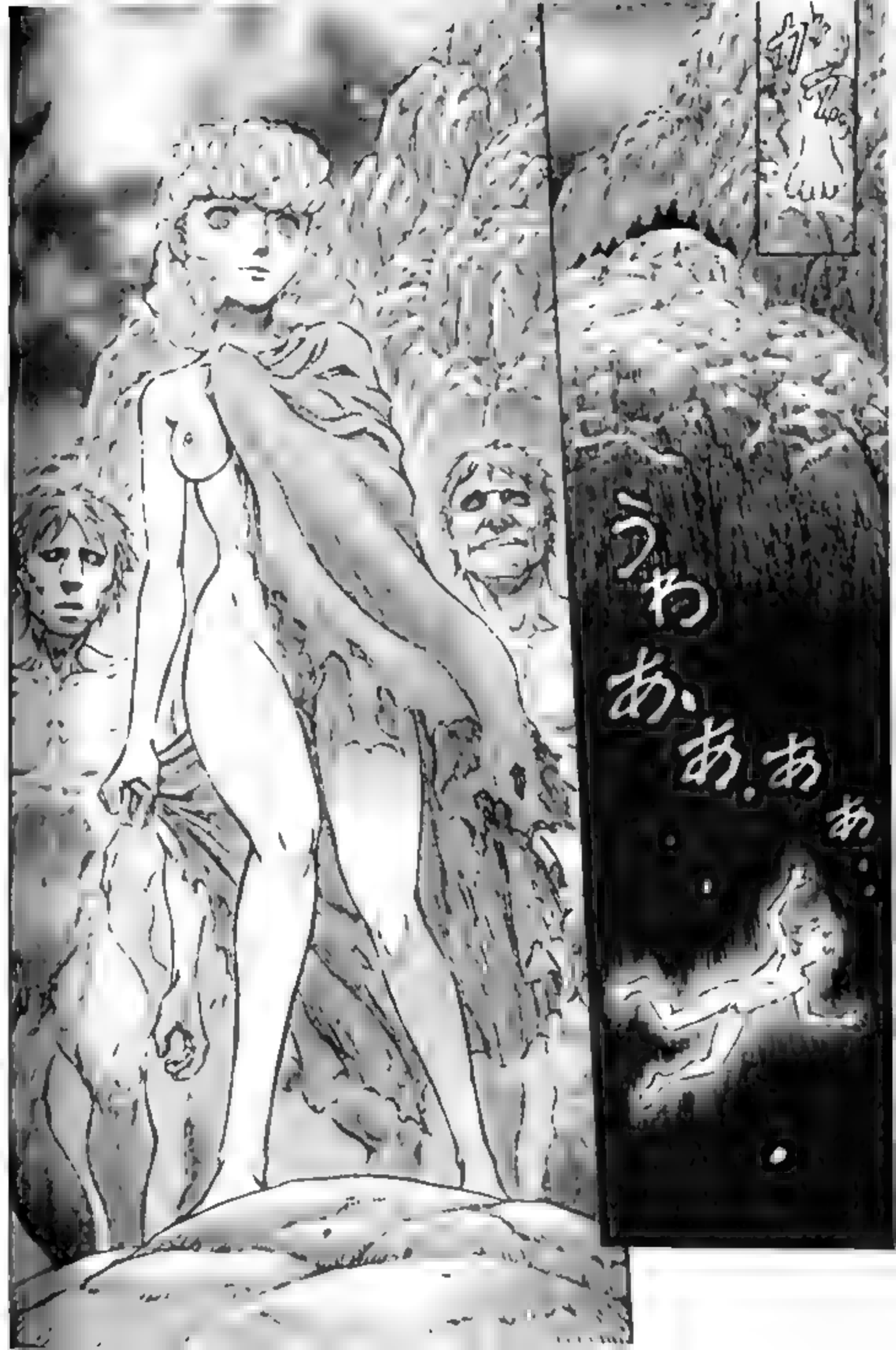
WA…

KILL THAT MAN.
HE WILL BETRAY US.
Hi...
HI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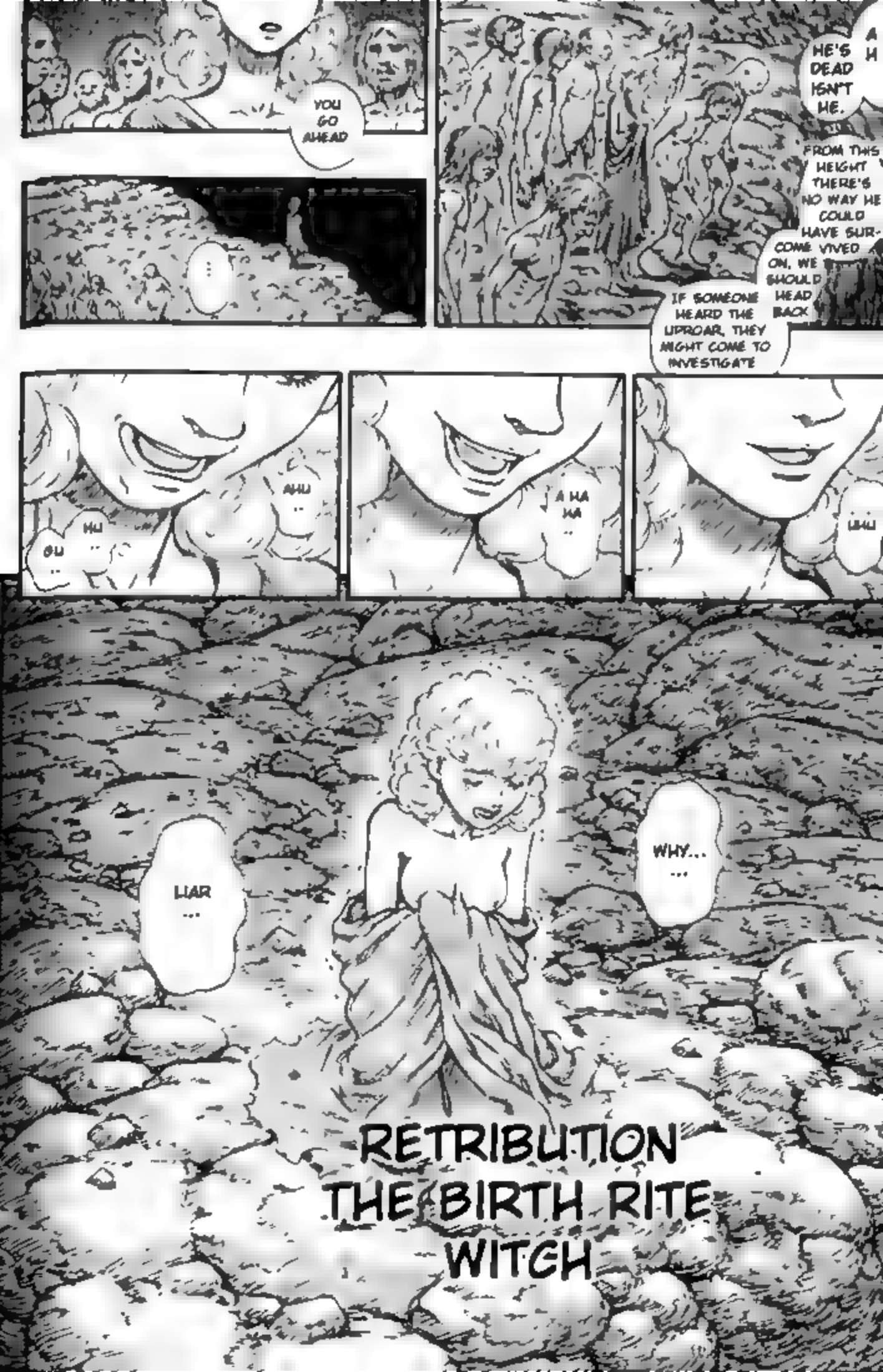
YOU GO AHEAD
...
HE'S DEAD ISN'T HE.
FROM THIS HEIGHT THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE SURVIVED
COME ON, WE SHOULD HEAD BACK
IF SOMEONE HEARD THE UPROAR, THEY MIGHT COME TO INVESTIGATE
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LIAR...
WHY...
RETRIBUTION
THE BIRTH RITE
WITCH

!
WHAT !!
I TOLD YOU TO GO AHEAD .....!!
NINA ...
.....
LUCA
WHY ... ?

DON'T COME NEAR ME.
... NO
...
DON'T, DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!
I SAID, DON'T COME NEAR ME!!
DON'T ...!!
NINA ...
!!
.....

.....
I...IF YOU COME ANY CLOSER
.....
I'LL JUMP !!
WHAT
WHAT DO YOU WANT!!
WHA
WHAT ...
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK!!
B...BUT NOT NOW!!
YOU'RE NORMALLY PASSIONATE BUT UNDER-STANDING!!
YOU CAN'T FORGIVE ME FOR WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE!!
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING!?
I KNOW, ALL THAT SEX AROUSED YOU AND NOW YOU'RE DRIPPING WET FOR ME, AREN'T YOU!!
IS IT DISTAIN!?
DO YOU PITY ME!?

HOW IS IT THAT YOU CAN LOOK DOWN ON SOMEONE ELSE WITH THOSE EYES!!
I'LL SLEEP WITH YOU AND I'LL DO IT, WITH YOU ALSO, FOR FREE. THAT'S NOT PROSTITU-TION!!
.....
YOU'LL BE TORN TO PIECES.
I WILL YELL FOR MY FRIENDS TO RETURN.

THAT HURT ...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING .....!?
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SORRY,
...!!
PLEASE,
NO MORE
...
I
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I'M
SORRY
.....

DON'T YOU WORRY
ABOUT THIS GIRL.
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CRYING SOUNDS
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SILLY GIRL
YOU REALLY ARE.

COME ON
LET'S GO HOME.
LUCA
JOACHIM, A...
I
I
I
.....
DON'T SAY ANY-THING FOR NOW, OK.
WHAT THE! THOSE GUYS?
!

AVLI ---
NO
THAT GIRL, SHE MUST HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING ME!!
ELEN !?
WHAT'S WITH THE FACE?
HM?
BYLI ---
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, SHE'S ONE OF THE PROSTITUTES WITH NINA. ANYWAY, SHE HAS SYPHILIS OR SOME SUCH.
I KNOW HER.
SHE MUST BE WAITING FOR A PUNTER.
WHAT? ARE YOU LOOKING TO CONVERT?

WHEW
IF SHE'S INSANE, THEN WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HER INFORMING ON US.
SYPHILIS, WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH HER, EH!
LET'S LEAVE HER BE AND HEAD BACK
SURE IS CHILLY.. I'M GONNA CATCH A COLD
HER POX-RIDDEN FACE!?
TO SEE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...
HI HI
HE HE... JUST HOLD ON A SEC, OK.
HE HE... JUST HOLD ON A SEC, OK.
OW SHIT
BUI ---
... WHAT THE?
OH! WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S THIS?
WHO'S THE GOR-GEOUS GAL?

LET'S HAVE A LOOK!!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BOD!?
NO WAY IS YOUR FACE POX-RIDDEN.
HE HE EVEN THOUGH YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE CONSTANTLY SUCKING, YOU'RE STILL A FINE LOOKING GIRL
DON'T YOU MOVE FROM THERE!
LUCA ...!?
HYAHAHA KEEP STRUGGLING. IT'S FUTILE, BUT YOUR SPEECH IS AMUSING
AH
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Fwww
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WHAT'S WITH HER!?
OWAAHI!!
HEY
I'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT!
YOU GUYS ...!!
EH ..?

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パリ
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WHAT THE HELL?
GYAAAH
!?
VAH
VAH

I'M ..
HEY, YOU OK.
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HUNGRY.
HEYY ?
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WHAT IS THIS...!?
WHA ...!!
NO WAY...!!
THAT GIRL
FLEEE
FLESHH
FLESH
WOMAN
FLEE ..

ELEN!!

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HI

HM HM ..

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ELEN
YOU ...

SHE'S A WITCH !!
WITCH
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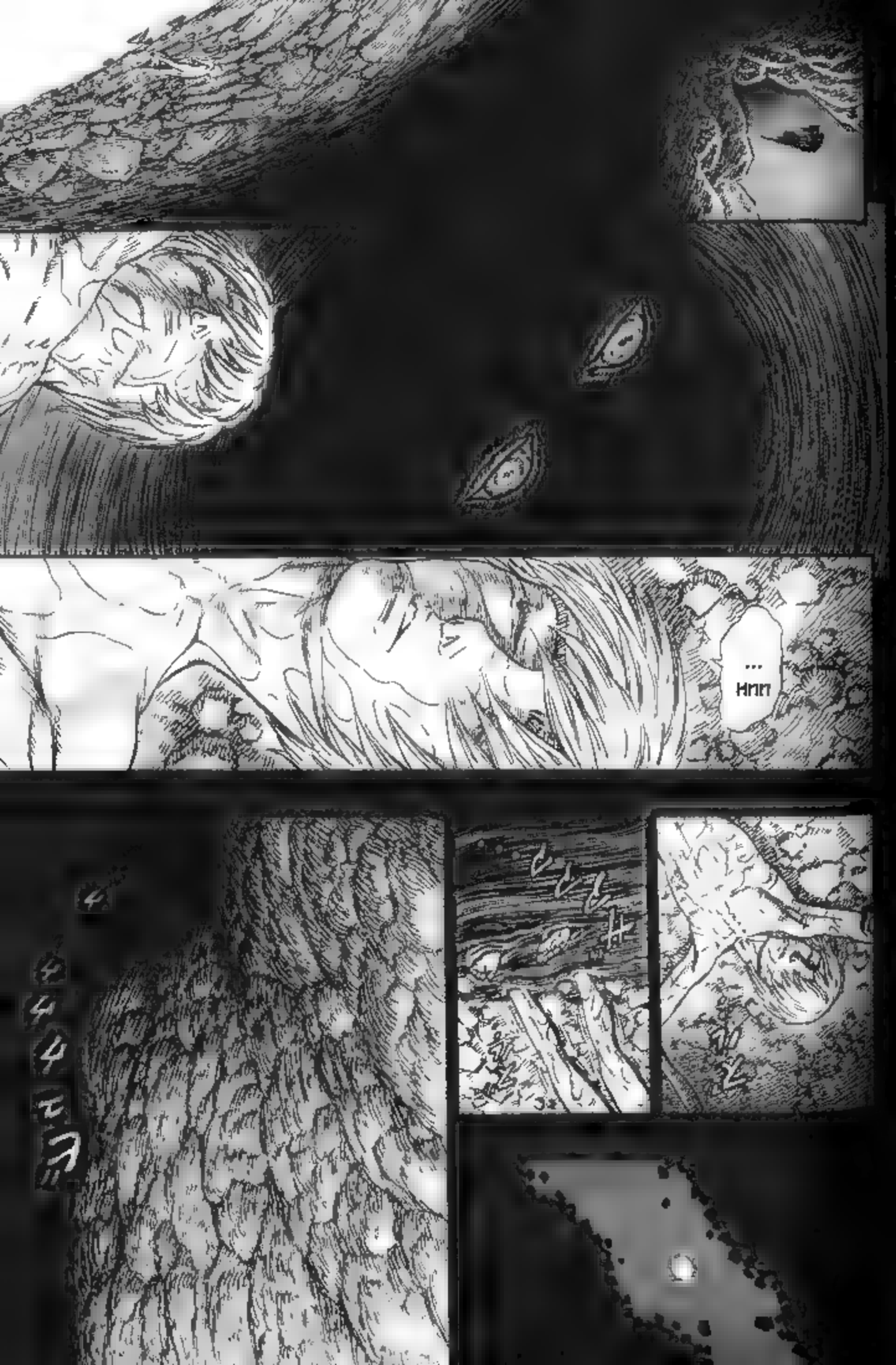
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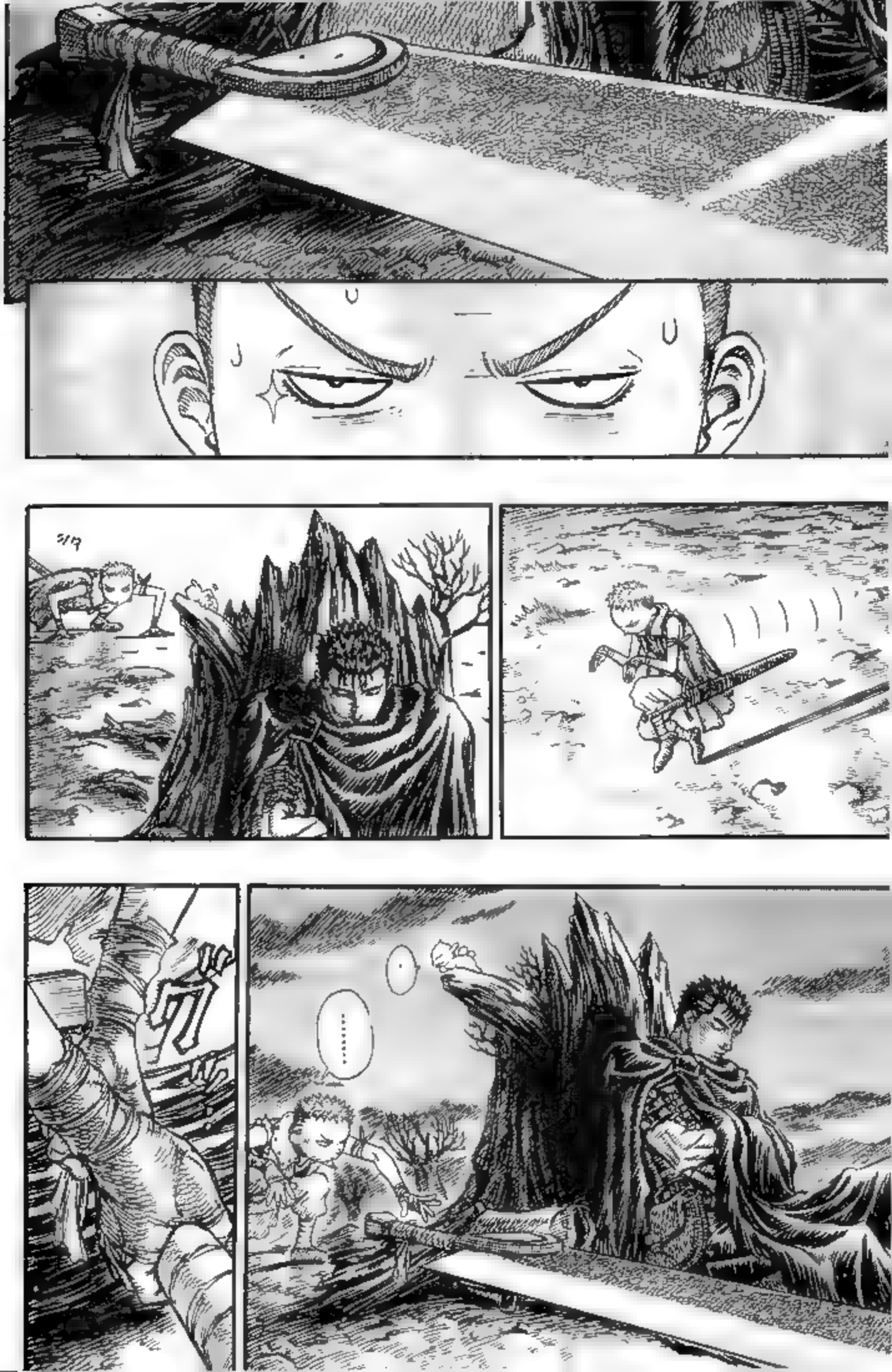
I CHASED HIM ALL DAY.
I FOUND HIM.
RETRIBUTION THE BIRTH RITE EVIL ROAD (1)
IF I HADN'T FOUND THAT CARRIAGE OF REFUGEES,
I WOULD LOST HIM.



HA.
GAEEY .....!
IT MUST BE THE FAMOUS ONE!!
HE HAS GREAT AND HUGE SWORD
I CAN'T MOVE IT AT ALL...
EEE EEE .....
HOW CAN
HE USE SUCH A SWORD. ...
GOTTA TRY TO USE MORE STRENGTH.

THIS IS CALLED THE BLACK SWORD!
THEN, THE FIRST SWING IS LIKE THIS!
IT'S LIKE THIS!
LIKE THIS!
YOU HAVE TO USE MY POWER!
LOOK!
MY NAME IS PAKK! I'M A FAIRY.
I DIDN'T ASK HIS NAME
ISHI-DORO....
BEFORE YOU ASK OTHER PEOPLES NAMES, YOU SHOULD TELL ME YOUR NAME FIRST...
COME ON!
YOU WON'T STOP ME.
THEN, THE ONE WHO CALLED ISIDRO, USE ALL YOUR STRENGTH, PICK IT UP NOW!
HEY, GATTS, I CAUGHT A THIEF!

I'M DEAD.
I'M DEAD FOR SURE...
...!!

.....
IT'S NOT A KID'S TOY.
YOU WANNA TALK TO ME?
YOU CHASED US SINCE YESTER-DAY.
HE HE HE HE.
HE ...
YOU WANNA BECOME A PUPIL?
IF SO, YOU'VE GOT TO TALK TO HIS MANAGER, FIRST...
AH, NOT LIKE THAT!
NO!
I WON'T LEARN ANYTHING FROM ANYBODY.

?
HAVE YOU EVER KILLED ANYONE ?
NO WAY! WE'VE EATEN THEM ALL ALREADY. NOTHING LEFT!
AH!!!
NO THANKS
YOU CAN HAVE ALL THAT FOOD.
YOU CAME BECAUSE YOU WANT THAT FOOD AND WINE BACK?! SO CHEAP!
!
YOU WANNA BE A SWORDS-MAN?
YOU WIELD A SWORD.
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU NOT TO HANG AROUND ME!
ANYHOW,
.....
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
I'LL DO WHAT I WANT!
SURE,
I HAVE ....
1 OR 2.
IT'S ONLY

ALTHOUGH THAT'S TRUE,
THAT ...
THEY ARE HERE.
MY NAME IS ISIDRO
WHAT ?
HEY! STUPID ISIDRO, I THINK YOU SHOULD BETTER RUN!
GATTS ...
WHAT IS THAT?

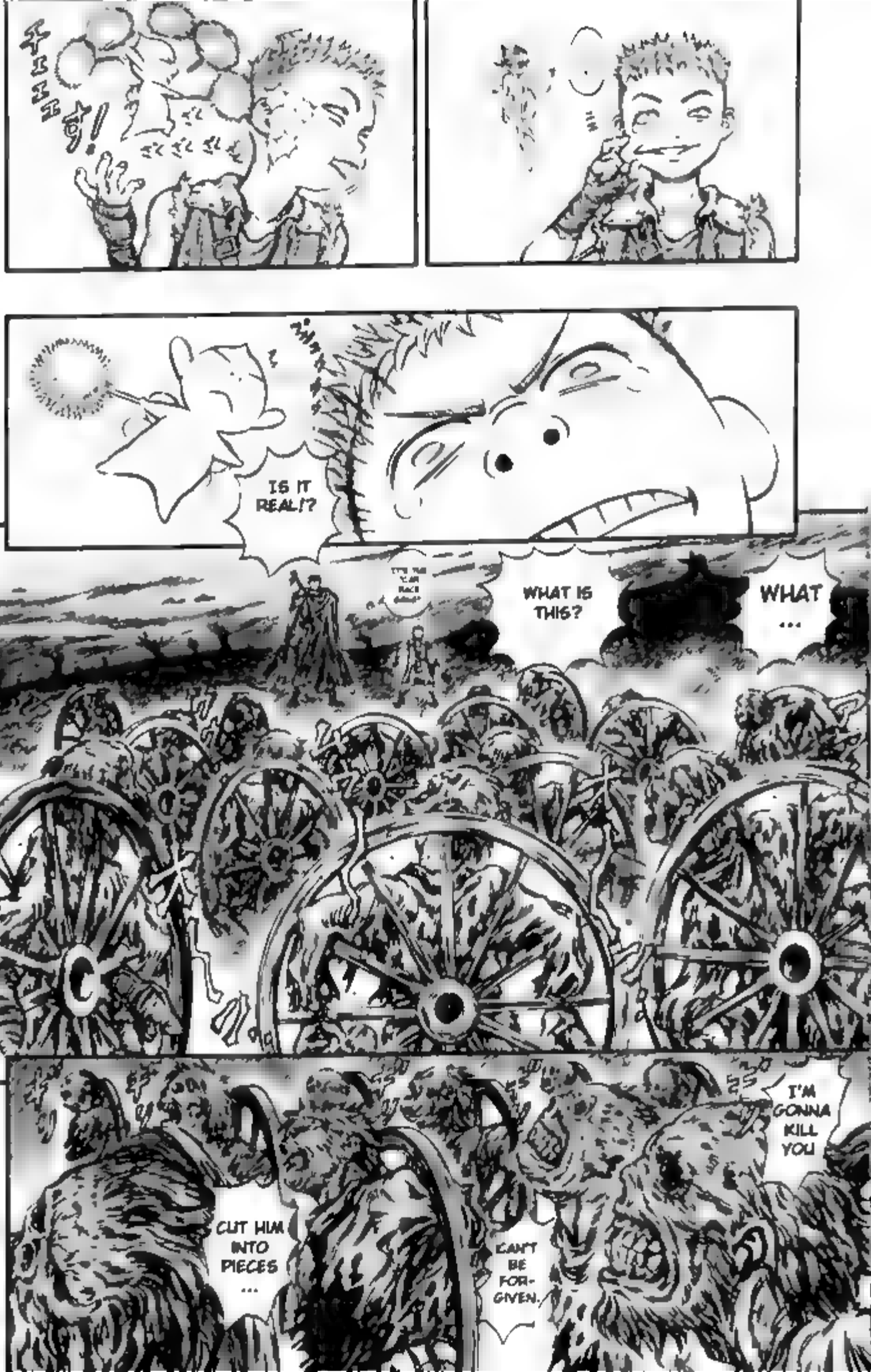
!?
WAG WAGON WHEELS?
THE WHEEL IS MOVING BY ITSELF!?
WHAT A INTER-EST-ING THING.

JERK

JERK

JERK

WHAT THE HELL


IS IT REAL!?
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT ...
I'M GONNA KILL YOU
CUT HIM INTO PIECES ...
CAN'T BE FOR-GIVEN.

I'VE NEVER SEEN WHEELS WITH LIVES!
EXPOSED IN ORDER TO CLEAR IT
HATRED SHOULD BE"....
I WILL STOP NOT PAYING MY TRANS-PORT FEES AND STEALING PEOPLES STUFF!
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THEY JUST NEED NEW BODIES.
THESE WHEELS ARE NOT HERE FOR YOU.

I'M GOING TO PUNISH YOU!
I'M GOING TO TAKE OUT YOUR PITIFUL SOUL!
IT'S NO USE...
GO TO HELL ...
JERK ..
EVEN THEM...
... HATRED, IS THAT ALL?
THIS LOST SOUL, EVERY TIME I MEET THESE MONSTERS, I ALWAYS WANTED TO KILL THEM ALL.
I WAS LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME,
BUT
BUT ... NOW...
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO FOOL AROUND WITH YOU ALL.
I'M IN A HURRY...
I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES, BUT I'M IN A HURRY!

GET LOST !!!

STUPID ! WORD YOU GOTTA RUN AFTER HIM!

I KNOW! WITHOUT YOU TO...

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FASTER
SO STUPID I AGREE!
SO... SO STRONG!
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HIDE ANYWHERE THE WHEEL CAN'T ENTER!
I WON'T LISTEN TO YOU!
THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY!
IT'S MY CHOICE TO GO WHERE I PLEASE!
.....
THIS IS THE CHANCE! FADIES SWING!
HA!
WA !!
YA. RIGHT! I ALMOST FORGOT
STUPID ISHIRO, TAKE OUT YOUR SWORD; IT'S TIME TO DO WHAT I'VE TAUGHT YOU!

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BERSERK

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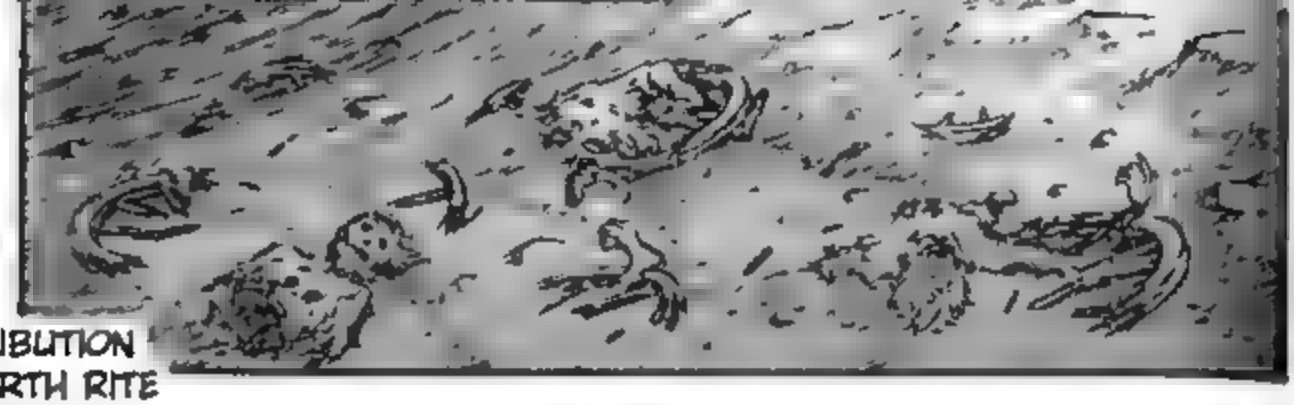


SLOW DOWN!
HEY, IT'S ALRIGHT NOW!
MAYBE YOU KILLED THEM ALL?
THEY DISAP-PEARED,
.....
HEY! YOU HAVEN'T RESTED AT ALL SINCE YESTERDAY.
IF THIS GOES ON, YOU WILL COLLAPSE BEFORE YOU GET TO YOUR DESTINATION, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE CARRYING THAT BIG THING.

...WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT KID?
DEAD?
I BET HE'S AS STUBBORN AS YOU ARE.
SHUT UP.
ONE MONSTER GONE, ANOTHER MONSTER COMES, WHAT A DAY!
WOW!
HUH?
YOU CAN'T STOP THAT SUDDENLY! YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT YOUR RIDER!
... NO
THAT IS...
I KNOW HIM.

YOU HAVE A LONG LIFE, STRUGGLER !
....I WAS FOLLOWING THE SCENT OF EVIL, WHO KNEW I WOULD SEE YOU HERE...
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, WHO KNEW YOU WHERE FRIENDS WITH A MONSTER.
HEY, YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
.....
IT'S A FAIRY ?
YOU HAVE SOME INTERESTING THINGS.
THIS GUY IS SO LONELY, PLEASE BE FRIENDS WITH HIM. MY NAME IS PUCK..
SHUT UP!
AH, I'M NOT BEING RACISTS ABOUT MONSTERS.
THIS GUY LOOKS LIKE...
... HUH?
?
!
BUT, WE DO HAVE SOME LUCK
HAHA. IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS.

I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S IN FRONT OF ME AT THE PLACE I'M GOING...
YOU KNOW I ALWAYS STAND AGAINST EVIL.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT A PLACE LIKE THIS?
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A LONG TIME.
MAYBE YES...
.....
.... MAYBE ...
THERE ARE APOSTLES... AROUND HERE?
.... APOSTLES ...
HEY ...
.....
IT'S THE SAME PLACE YOU'RE GOING TO....
THE SCARY PART IS..
AND THE PLACE I'M GOING TO...
WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSE TO MEAN?
DOES THAT MEAN ....!

GOD HAND IS THERE?
THOSE PEOPLE ...
COULD IT BE...
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IF THERE'S A PLACE WHERE THE MIND IS TOO STRONG, THEY CANNOT BRING THEIR BODIES ALONG WITH THEM. THEREFORE, YOU CAN ALSO SAY THEY DON'T EXIST IN ANYWHERE.
AS LONG AS ANY HUMAN HAS A STRONG THOUGHT, THEY CAN BE ANY-WHERE.
THOSE PEOPLE CAN EXIST ANY-WHERE IN THIS WORLD.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY MIND GAMES WITH YOU!
YOU'RE SAYING STUFF THAT NO ONE UNDER-STANDS AGAIN!
THAT'S THE HINT...
I BELIEVE EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD SAW THAT AS WELL...
...DID YOU SEE A SHINING BIRD IN YOUR DREAM?
WHEN THE STRONG THOUGHT EXCEEDS THE BOUNDARY, THE BEINGS THAT BELONG TO GOD HAND
CAN ONLY GET A BODY ONCE EVERY 1000 YEARS..
THERE IS AN EXCEP-TION.

WILL APPEAR.
IN THIS WORLD,
REPRE-SENTING THE HAWK...

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A HAWK...?
GATTS ?
HAWK ...

LET ME ASK YOU A QUES-TION.
THE WOMAN WHO WAS WITH YOU BEFORE, WHERE IS SHE NOW?
!

MAYBE SHE'S AT THE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE GOING RIGHT NOW?
I WONDER ...

....IT'S REALLY LIKE THAT EH..

WHAT?

IT'S A VERY POWERFUL MIND
THE POWER OF GOD WILL ARRIVE IN THIS WORLD.

IT'S A GOD INCIDENT ...
SOMETHING ABOUT GOD'S LAND WILL DRAW IT OUT AS AN OBJECT.

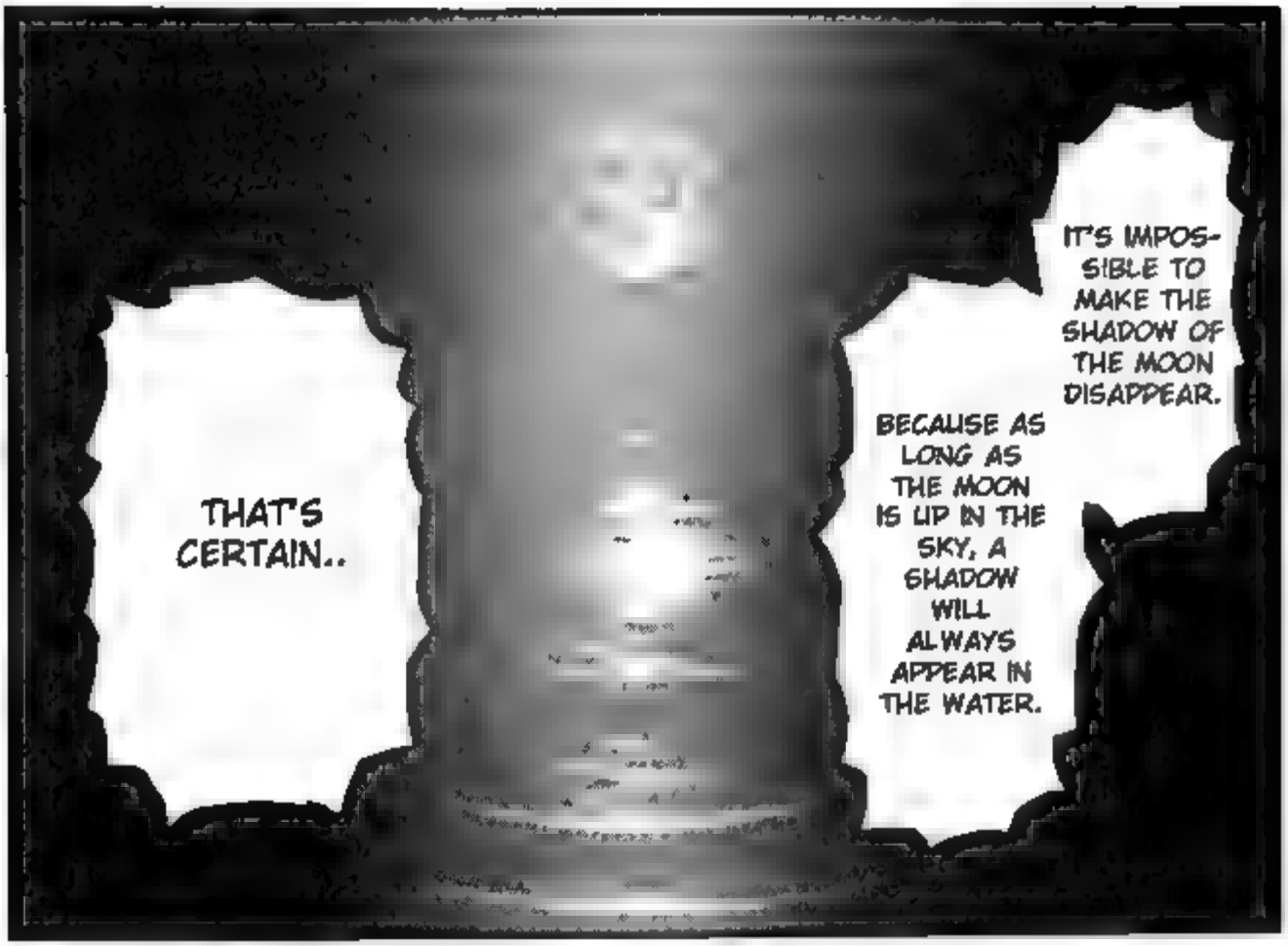
PLEASE EXPLAIN IT CLEARLY
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT INCIDENT? PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME!
HEY, DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND YOUR-SELF!?

THEN, YOU AND THE WOMAN WILL BE THERE IN THE CENTER.
EVERY-BODY WISHES FOR A SHINING HAWK TO SAVE THEM.
IT'S JUST LIKE DRAWING A PICTURE.
SOME-THING TO DRAW IT OUT....?
ECLIPSE
ECLIPSE ...
IT'S HAPPEN-ING.

WORRY, FEAR, ANGER, IT'S ALL IN GATTS' HEART AND IT'S COMING OUT!
!
BUT, ... HUH
THIS IS .....?
THIS FEELING IS....

THAT SCENE ...
WILL APPEAR AGAIN ...

.....
THIS IS ...
DELIGHT ...!!?
HUMANS ALONE CAN'T CHANGE GOD'S PLAN...
....IT'S VERY SAD,
THIS WORLD IS LIKE THE MOONS SHADOW ON THE WATER.
.... WHAT ?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WHAT'S
FOLLOWING
IS THE
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SHADOW..
THAT DARK
SHADOW IS
LIKE THE
DEATH OF
THE SUN..
IT COVERS
THE
WHOLE
LAND...

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GATTS ?
IT HAPPENS AS WITH THE MOONS SHADOW ON THE WATER.
IN THIS WORLD,
THIS BIG EVENT.
WE ARE ALREADY IN...
IT'S MY OWN DECISION TO GO TO MY DESTINATION; NO ONE CAN CONTROL ME!
I DON'T CARE WHAT'S A SHADOW AND STUFF,
DIDN'T YOU GIVE ME ANOTHER NAME .
YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN ALREADY? I WILL NEVER DIE!
CALLED "STRUGGLER"?

ME AND CASKA,
WILL STAY ALIVE!
THERE WAS ONCE A MONSTER, WHO PROUDLY TOLD ME MY FUTURE; HE SAID I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RUN AWAY FROM DEATH, I GUESS HE MEANT THE ECLIPSE THEN.
.....
WEIRD THINGS TO TALK ABOUT.
YOU ALWAYS HAVE ALL THOSE
YOU'RE THE SAME!
BUT CAN YOU SAY IT MORE CLEARLY!
EVEN THOUGH WE LOST OUR HANDS AND LEGS,
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW BLOODY IT IS,

THEN ....
AT THAT TIME, I REALLY DID BORROW YOUR POWER.
BUT THIS TIME..
I WILL USE MY OWN POWER TO SAVE THAT PERSON!

AND
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THAT'S ONLY ANGER,
ALTHOUGH HE'S VERY PUMPED,
AND SO COMPLEX ...

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THE CALCULATION MAY BE DIFFERENT.
EVEN THOUGH ECLIPSE IS HAPPENING,
THERE'S ALWAYS A LIMIT TO THINGS.
YOU CAN TAKE THE RISK WITH ALL YOU GOT.
TRUE, DURING THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH THERE'S ONLY A SMALL CHANCE, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN.
MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT WILL SAVE YOU.
WHAT?
THAT YOUR BRAND ON YOUR NECK,
IT MEANS YOU ARE LIVING IN A WORLD OF SPIRIT AND HUMANS.
I SAID IT BEFORE, SINCE YOU HAVE THAT BRAND, YOU ARE LIVING IN ANOTHER WORLD...
YOU'RE LIVING IN A WORLD THAT IS OUTSIDE THE HUMAN WORLD.
ALTHOUGH IT'S JUST A SMALL STEP,

BUT A FISH SWIMMING IN THE WATER.
MAYBE YOU'RE NOT A SHADOW IN THE WATER.
I HAVE TO WARN YOU,
BUT,
YOU CAN'T ACHIEVE BOTH.
YOU CAN ONLY DO ONE.
ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT THE WAR, OR SAVE THAT PERSON.
BYE...
I'LL MEET YOU AGAIN IN THE LAND OF GOD...
WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK HIM TO GIVE YOU A RIDE?
HEY.
HUH ?
HE'S THE SKULL KNIGHT..
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND
.....

THAT SKULL KNIGHT, SEEMED LIKE IT HAD A FAIRY'S SCENT...
...MAYBE I'M TOO SENSITIVE?
... HUH ...
FORGET IT...
I CAME HERE TO SAVE CASCA.
THATTHE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO NOW.
BUT, IF I SEE HIM, I MAY...
AT THAT TIME, I WILL...
LET'S GO!

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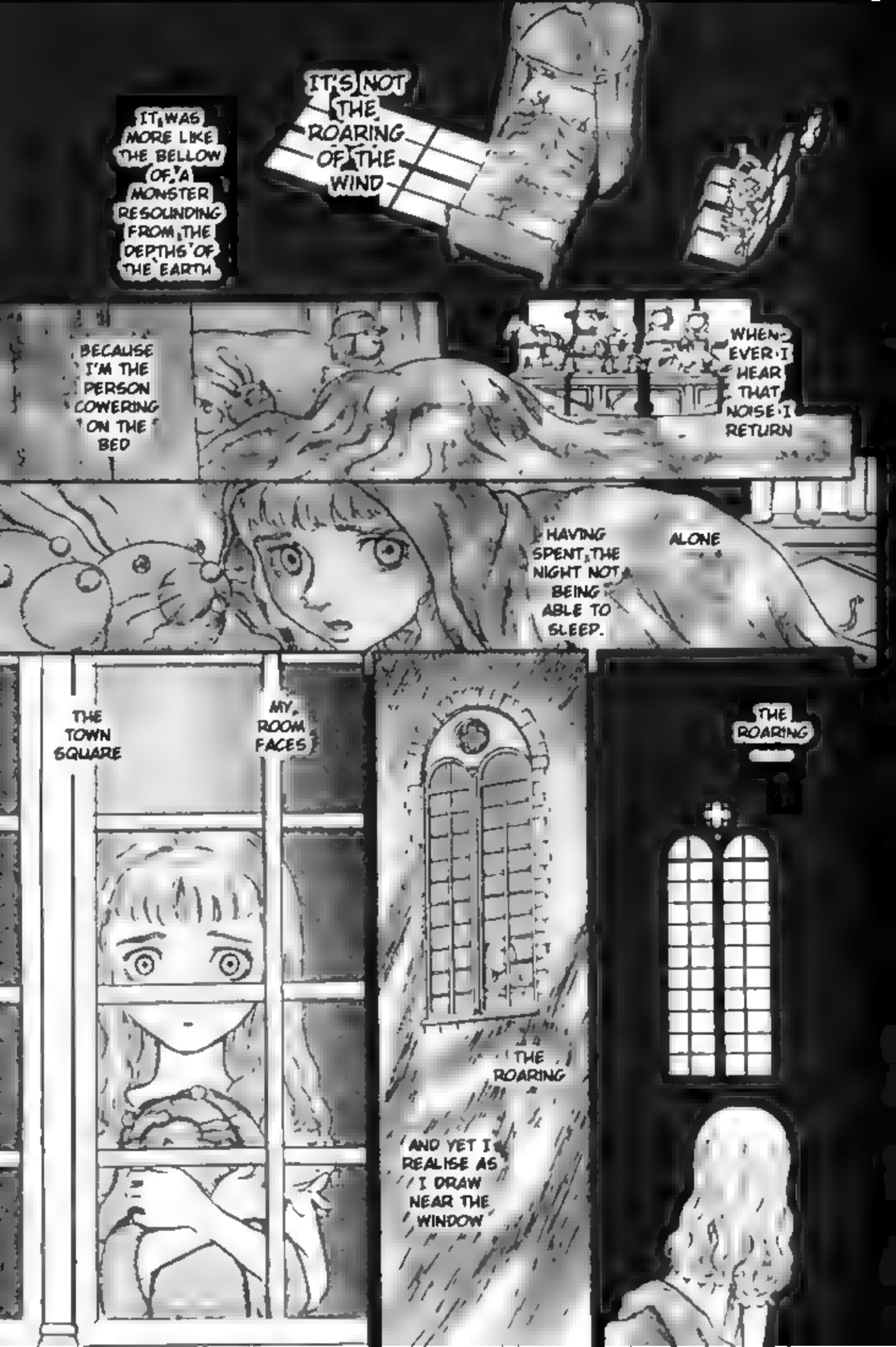
BAND OF THE HAWK

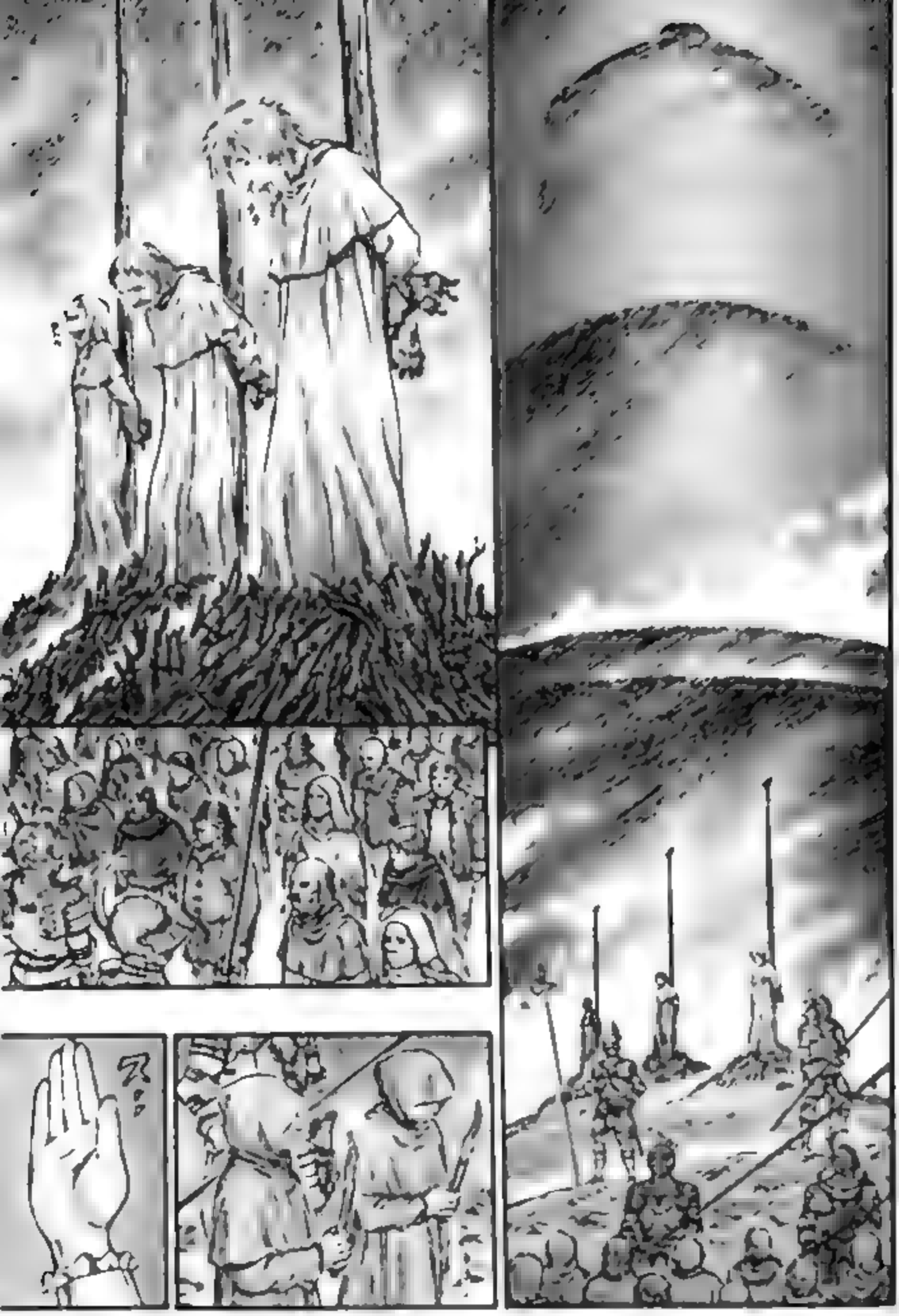
MANGA DIVISION LEADER: GATSU

"IN THIS WORLD, SOME PEOPLE BORN ARE LIKE KEYS THAT MOVE THE WORLD AND EXIST HAVING NO CONNECTION TO THE SOCIAL HIERARCHY ESTABLISHED BY MAN."

FOUNDER: GRIFFISU


IT'S NOT THE ROARING OF THE WIND
IT WAS MORE LIKE THE BELLOW OF A MONSTER RESOUNDING FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH
BECAUSE I'M THE PERSON COWERING ON THE BED
WHENEVER I HEAR THAT NOISE I RETURN
HAVING SPENT THE NIGHT NOT BEING ABLE TO SLEEP.
ALONE
THE TOWN SQUARE
MY ROOM FACES
THE ROARING
AND YET I REALISE AS I DRAW NEAR THE WINDOW
THE ROARING

A WONDERFUL PILLAR OF FLAME STANDS THERE.
WITHIN THE LIGHT THAT SHINES FORTH, INNUMERABLE SHADOWS APPEAR TO SWAY.
ROARING
AS THOUGH IT WERE SOME SORT OF FESTIVAL.
RETRIBUTION
THE BIRTH RITE
PILLAR OF FLAME



START THE FIRES!!
HI ..
... EALLY

THE COMMANDER HAS, OF HER OWN ACCORD, STARTED THE FIRES AT PLACES OF EXECUTION.
IT IS SAID THAT SINCE EARLY CHILDHOOD
THAT WOMAN, WHO IS SHE TO PUT A PERSON'S FEET IN FIRE.
HOW CAN SHE. AAH, SO QUICKLY.
AAH ?
THEY SAY THAT YOU CAN DEPEND ON THE COMMANDER'S EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN MATTERS OF EXECUTION BY FIRE.
WHAT'S THAT. SIR JEROME, YOU KNOW NOTHING! ABOUT HER?
I UNDERSTAND THAT ALTHOUGH THE TIMES WERE PROSPEROUS, THE INQUISITION WOULD COME TO THAT PLACE AND MAKE USE OF IT AS A SITE FOR BURNING HERETICS AT THE STAKE
THE COMMANDER'S CHILDHOOD HOME FACES A TOWN SQUARE.
3 YEARS BEFORE THAT, AT THE VATICAN, SHE SEIZED A GROUP OF HERETICS WHO PLOTTED REBELLION AND CONDEMNED THEM ALL TO BE BURNT AT THE STAKE. IT IS SAID THAT IS WHY SHE HELD IN SUCH ESTEEM.
IT WAS ALSO SHE WHO WAS HANDPICKED TO CONDUCT THE SEARCH FOR THE BLACK SWORDSMAN

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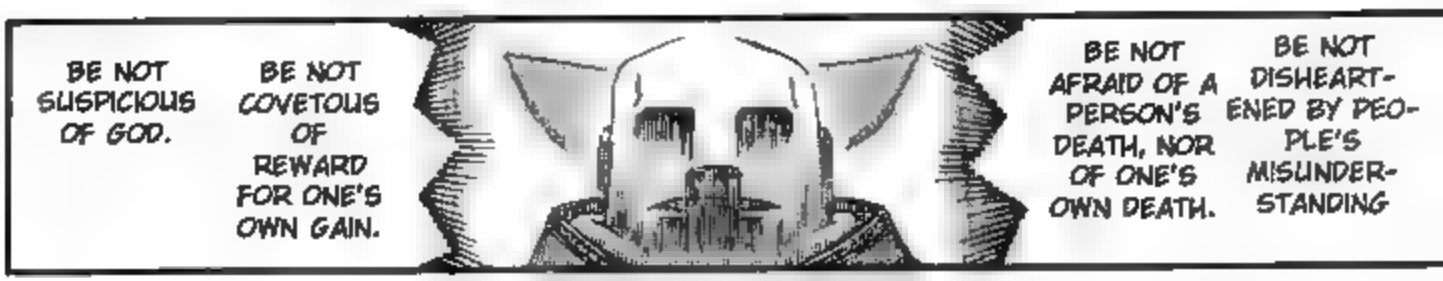
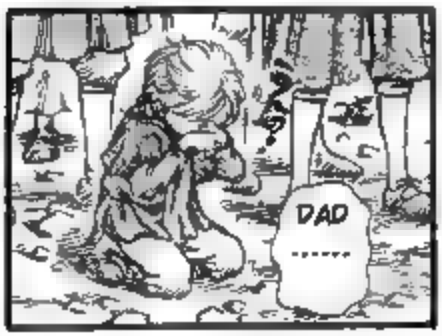
MY GOD!
GUEH--- A REAL DIE-HARD THEN.

HA!
WHAT ARE YOU PRAT-TLING ABOUT!!
YOU THERE!


BE NOT SUSPICIOUS OF GOD.
BE NOT COVETOUS OF REWARD FOR ONE'S OWN GAIN.
BE NOT AFRAID OF A PERSON'S DEATH, NOR OF ONE'S OWN DEATH.
BE NOT DISHEART-ENED BY PEO-PLE'S MISUNDER-STANDING


DAD .....

HE HE HE

BE NOT IN DOUBT!!

AS A HUMAN BEING, LET ME SHED BLOOD OF FLESH AND MIND SO LONG AS I GO ON LIVING SOLELY FOR THE GOOD OF GOD.
THAT IS CALLED FAITH.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT LIKE YOUR FATHER?
AND YOU.
YOUR FATHER WAS A HERETIC, WASN'T HE
HE HE BOY.
WE'LL THROW YOU INTO THE FIRE.
OK
IF YOU CAN'T PROVE THAT YOU'RE DIFFER-ENT
HE'LL BETRAY US LATER.
THEY'RE THINKING, IF WE DON'T THROW HIM INTO THE FIRE HERE
LOOK INTO THE EYES OF THOSE SURROUND-ING YOU.
AM I TELLING THE TRUTH ?
I ...
I ...

DON'T WORRY.
THE BOY IS BLAME-LESS.
THAT WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE EVE OF THE FATHER'S TRIAL.
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OH ...
I'LL BID HIM GOOD DAY.
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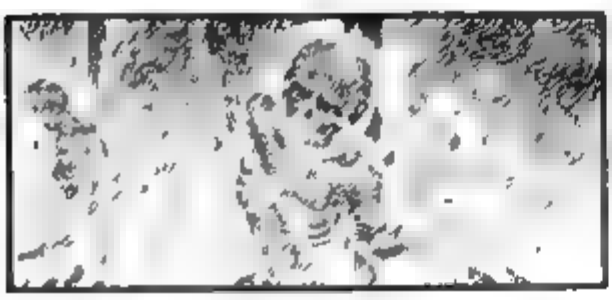


YOU OWE ME NOTHING.

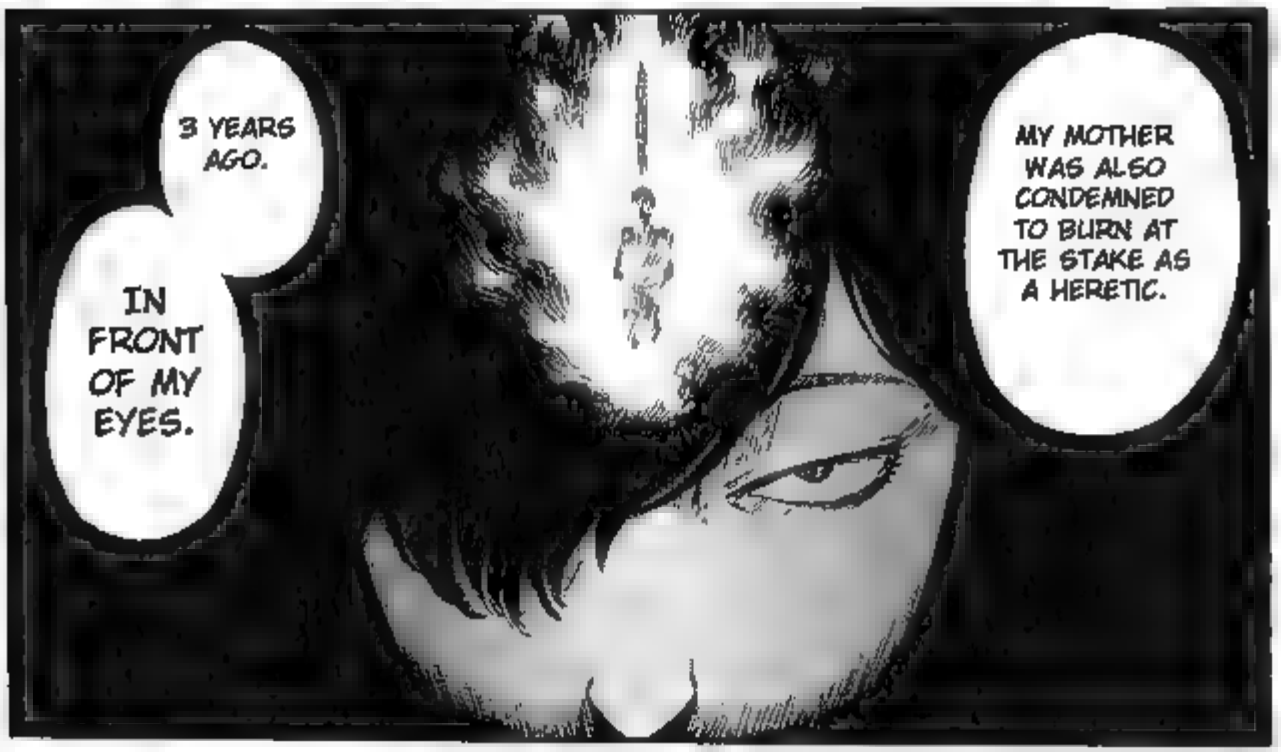
WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO TAKE A SMALL BREAK?
MY PHYSICAL CONDITION HAS NOT IMPROVED.

PARDON ME, COM-MANDER FARNEZ

I HAVE NO EXCUSE.
HE'S AWAY, RESTING
AGAIN. WHENEVER THERE'S A BURNING
.....ALL RIGHT.
BUT IT'S ALSO YOUR RESPONSI-BILITY TO MAINTAIN YOUR HEALTH.
WHEW
THAT WAS A GOOD THING YOU DID
HEY
AS ONE WOULD EXPECT OF A HERALD, YOU HAVE A GOOD MEMORY.
YOU'RE SIR JEROME, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN ...
ONLY FIRE, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH I STILL CAN'T HANDLE IT, DOESN'T IT.
I KNEW IT, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY.

NO. MY HEALTH, IN ALL HONESTY...
COME ON HA HA.
AM I RIGHT?
I DECIDED TO TAKE A BREAK, LIKE YOURSELF! BUT THE BREAK IS JUST AN EXCUSE. HOW CAN I TAKE PART IN SUCH AN ILL-CONCEIVED TASK?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
YOU MUST BE GENTLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
WELL, IT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
HAA?
AT ANY RATE, WHILST THIS IS NOT A PLEASANT PLACE, I'M THINKING WHY IS IT THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE PALE-FACED.
IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYBODY ELSE.
OH THAT ...
YOU WERE THE CHILD'S SAVIOUR. IT WAS AN ACT WORTHY OF A KNIGHT
YOU'RE TOO MODEST. THE BUSINESS WITH THAT KID.

THAT BOY AND I HAVE SOME-THING IN COMMON.
HOW'S THAT?
AH ...


3 YEARS AGO.
IN FRONT OF MY EYES.
MY MOTHER WAS ALSO CONDEMNED TO BURN AT THE STAKE AS A HERETIC.

PLEASE DON'T TAX YOUR-SELF, BECAUSE IT'S THE TRUTH.
THAT, WHAT ...
AH ... NO ...
.....
I SWEAR THAT I SHALL NEVER DIVULGE THIS INFORMATION! PERMIT ME TO APOLOGISE IN THIS FORMAL MANNER, SIR HERALD
I APOLOGISE! I HAVE A BAD HABIT OF SPEAKING WITHOUT CON-SIDERING THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS!
IT DOESN'T SUIT YOU, ACTING NOBLY ALL OF A SUDDEN.
AND I ACCEPT
THAT'S ALSO OFTEN SAID TO ME BY WOMEN
HE HE
IT'S SERP ICO.

DEAR OH DEAR
.. ISN'T THAT WHERE MY BUSINESS COMES FROM
REALLY. AFTER THIS I'M GOING TO A WOMAN'S PLACE TO GET LAID.
ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO SLOWLY MAKE MY WAY BACK. THANKS TO YOU, I'M FEELING MUCH MORE AT EASE.
FROM WHAT I SAY PEOPLE I SAY THEY'LL KEEP TO THEM-SELVES.
IS THAT WISE? SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ME, THE HERALD...
THANKS, I OWE YOU.
ANY WAY,
UNDER-STOOD. TAKE IT EASY
HE ALSO HAS PROBLEM
... H --M
IF IT WAS 3 YEARS AGO, AS HE SAID...
THERE'S NO WAY, SURELY ...
BUT WAIT.
... HM?

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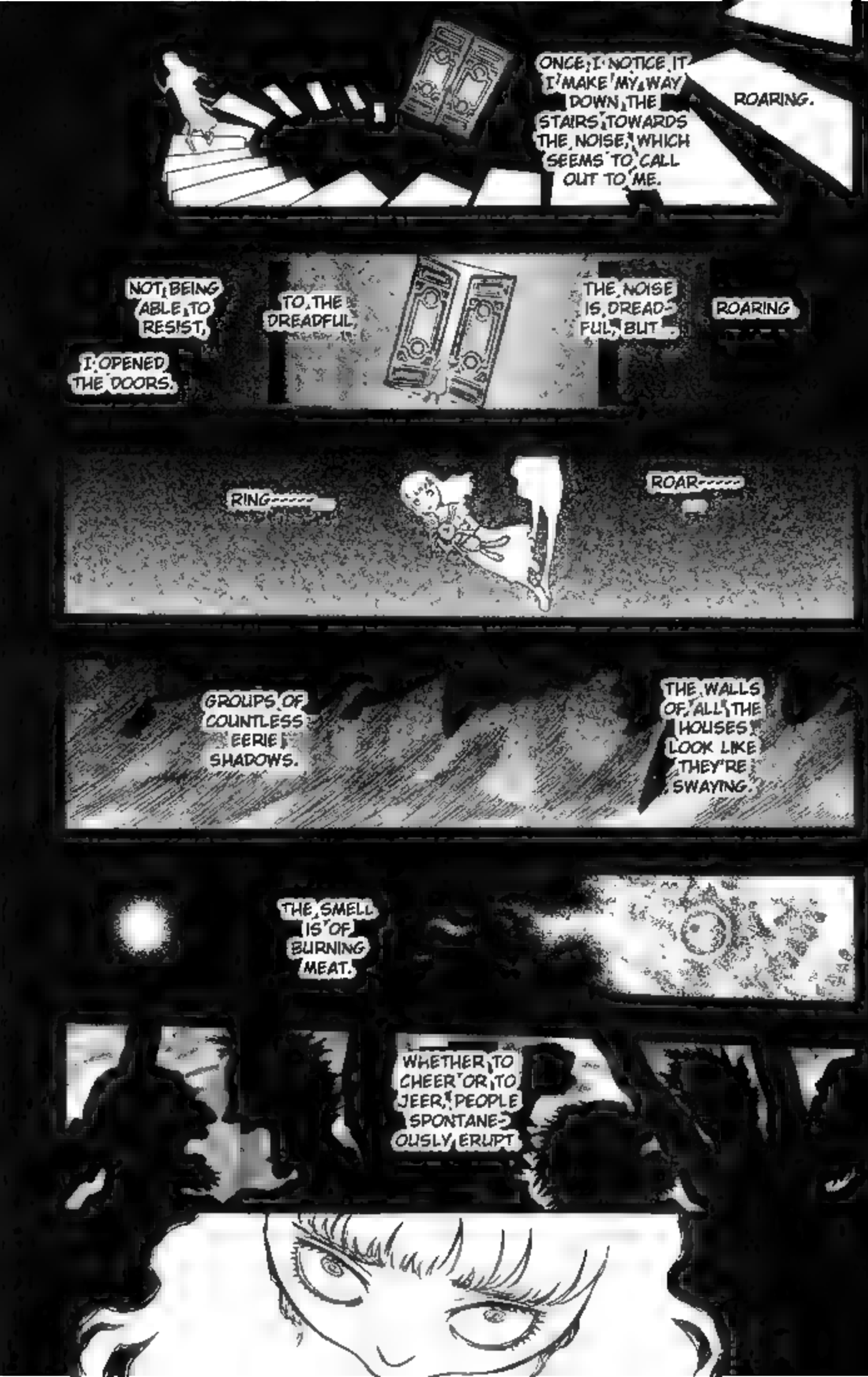
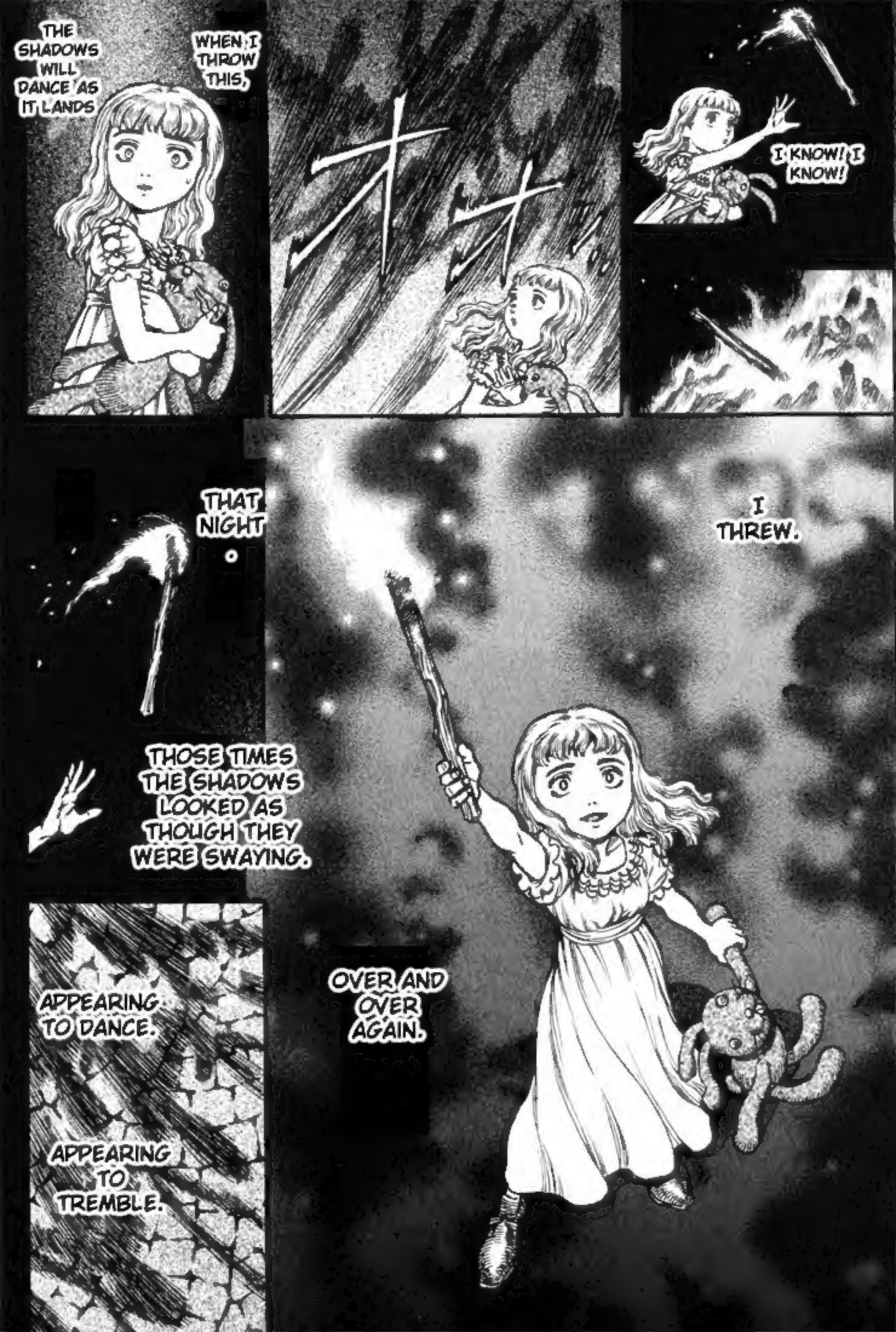
WHENEVER I STARE AT THE FLAMES, I REMEMBER..


ONCE I NOTICE IT I MAKE MY WAY DOWN THE STAIRS TOWARDS THE NOISE, WHICH SEEMS TO CALL OUT TO ME.
ROARING.
NOT BEING ABLE TO RESIST,
I OPENED THE DOORS.
TO THE DREADFUL,
THE NOISE IS DREADFUL, BUT
ROARING
RING-----
ROAR-----
GROUPS OF COUNTLESS EERIE SHADOWS.
THE WALLS OF ALL THE HOUSES LOOK LIKE THEY'RE SWAYING.
THE SMELL IS OF BURNING MEAT.
WHETHER TO CHEER OR TO JEER, PEOPLE SPONTANEOUSLY ERUPT

IF YOU WERE PEEL ONE THIN LAYER FROM WHAT WE CALL THE WORLD, FROM THERE FEAR WOULD ROLL FORTH.
I KNEW THAT THERE WERE SECRETS HIDDEN IN THE NIGHT.

SUDDENLY, SOMEBODY PASSED ME A TORCH
I FELT ONLY FEAR.
I THREW IT.
A MARVELLOUS THING HAPPENED.
THE TORCH THAT I HAD THROWN LANDED ON THE FIRE AND AT THE SAME TIME THE SHADOWS APPEARED TO START SWAYING.


THE SHADOWS WILL DANCE AS IT LANDS
WHEN I THROW THIS,
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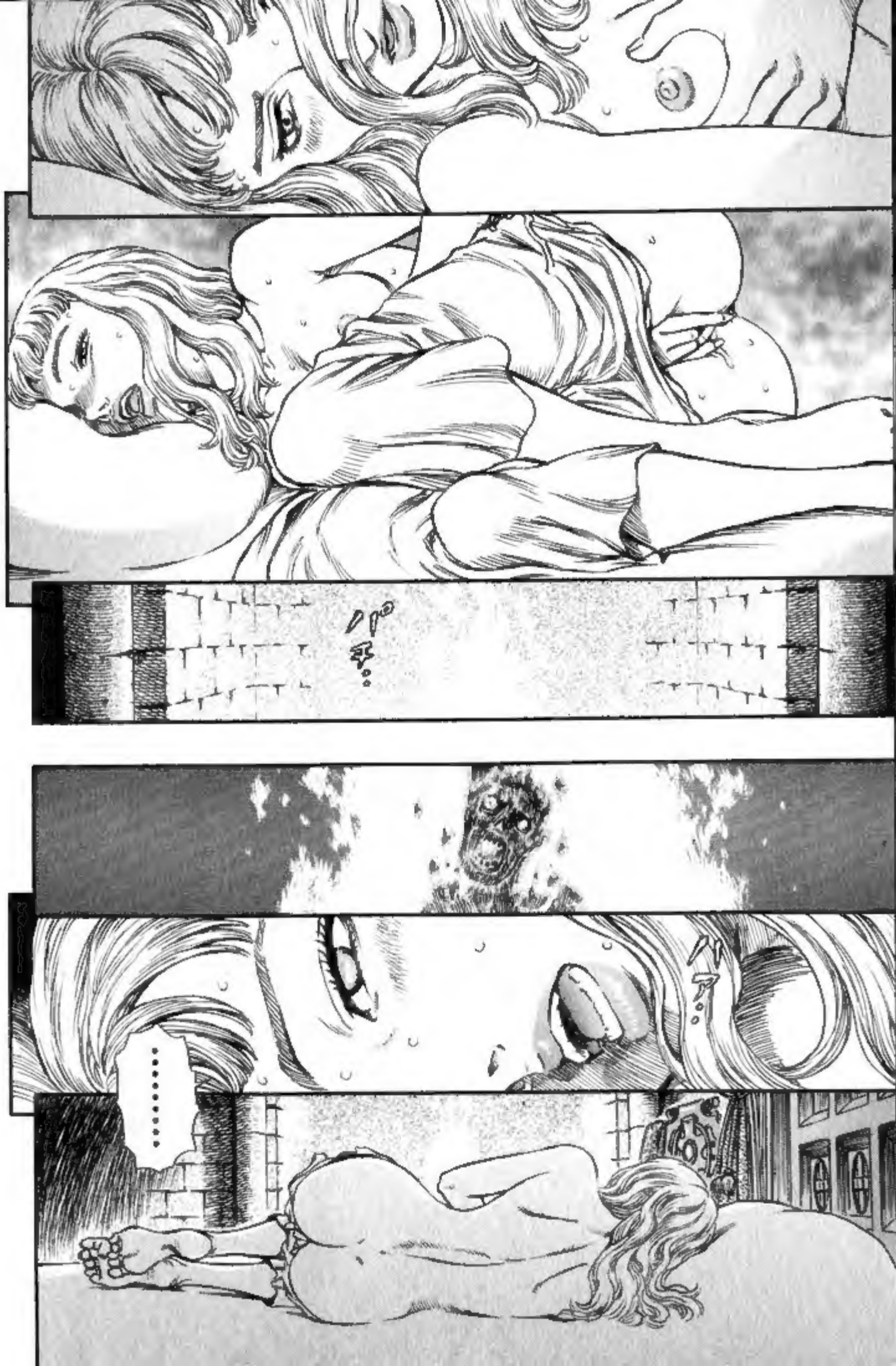
I KNOW! I KNOW!
THAT NIGHT
I THREW.
THOSE TIMES THE SHADOWS LOOKED AS THOUGH THEY WERE SWAYING.
OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
APPEARING TO DANCE.
APPEARING TO TREMBLE.

I KNEW THAT IF YOU WERE TO PEEL ONE THIN LAYER FROM WHAT WE CALL THE WORLD, FROM THERE FEAR WOULD ROLL FORTH.
LEAD THEM.
BECOME ONE OF THEM.
IF THEY DANCE, ALL IS WELL.
NOW I'D FOUND A WAY TO ESCAPE FROM THAT FEAR.
SHE IS A PIOUS CHILD.
WELL DONE, YOUNG MISS.
GOD'S BLESSING IS UPON THIS GIRL.
A BLESSING.
I STARTED FEELING THIS MARVELOUS WARMTH AT THE ABDOMEN.
WASN'T IT, WHEN THE FIRE WAS HIT.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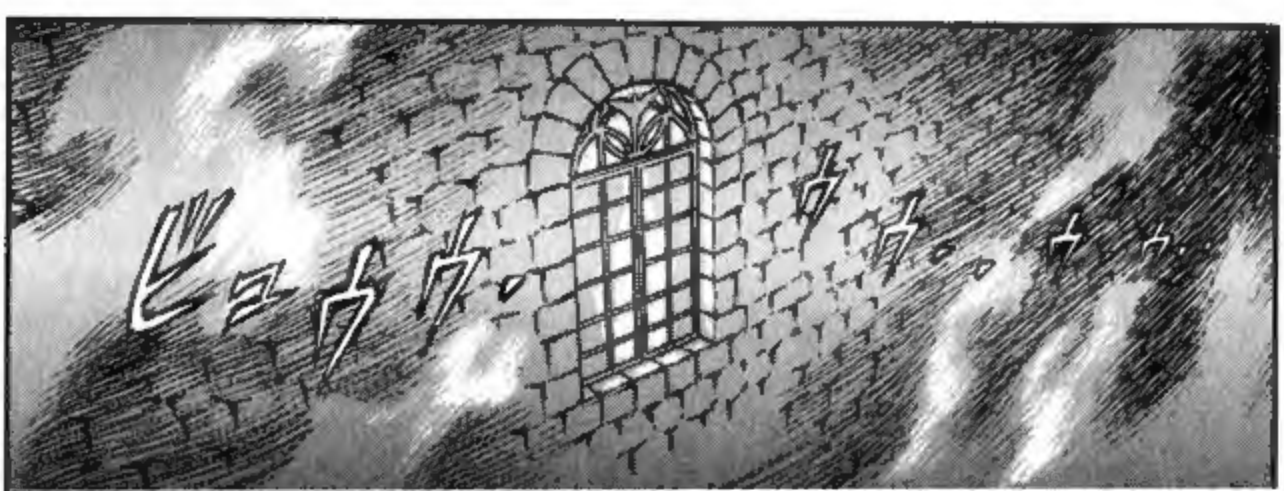
I AM NOT WRONG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